

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 31, 2022

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken:

We write to you with the utmost urgency. As you are aware, Russian authorities detained Mr. Marc Fogel on August 14, 2021, in the Sheremetyevo Airport with 17 grams of medical marijuana, previously prescribed by Mr. Fogel's doctor in the United States to treat his chronic pain. Throughout this process Mr. Fogel has cooperated with Russian authorities and shown proof of his medical conditions, yet, on June 16, 2022, he was still sentenced to an unconscionable, 14-years of hard labor.

Various Members of Congress from Pennsylvania as well as Senators from across the country have urged the State Department to take further action, including classifying Mr. Fogel as wrongfully detained. Unfortunately, this designation process has stalled while Mr. Fogel's health is deteriorating, and his physical safety remains at risk.

In light of the Moscow court's August 25 decision to deny Mr. Fogel's appeal and his ongoing transfer to a penal colony, we again request that you consider immediately classifying Mr. Fogel as wrongfully detained and prioritize your work to bring him safely home to his family. The State Department has had ample time to reconsider the designation of Mr. Fogel, as over 120 and 50 days respectively have passed since his sentencing and appeal. We implore you to give this case the priority and gravity it deserves.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Conor Lamb  
Member of Congress



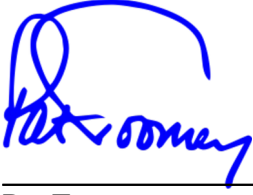
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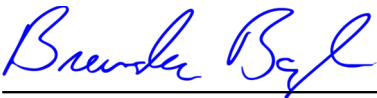
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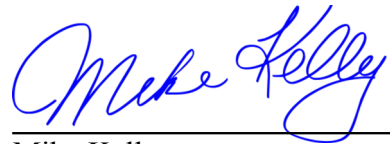
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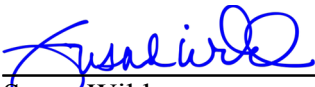
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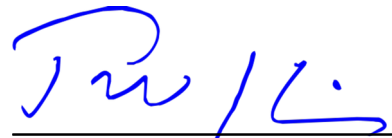
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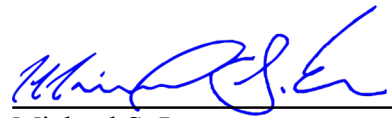
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