

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

We write today to urge that justice be pursued for the murders of U.S. citizens James Foley, Peter Kassig, Steven Sotloff and Kayla Mueller.

As you know, in January U.S.-supported forces in Syria captured two ISIS fighters who are believed to be members of the notorious group known as, "The Beatles." These two captured men, El Shafee El-sheikh and Alexandra Amon Kotey, are alleged to have been intimately involved in the imprisonment, torture and murder of the four Americans named above.

The family members of James, Peter, Steven and Kayla have publicly requested that your administration take steps to ensure that these two men are held responsible for their crimes, including by trial in the U.S., UK or through an appropriate international justice mechanism. As stated by the families: "They should be tried in our fair and open legal system, or in a court of international justice, and then spend the rest of their lives in prison. That is what our children would have wanted." We agree that both of these men should face charges for their crimes in a manner that demonstrates the U.S.'s commitment to justice, and we are offering our voices in support of the request made by the Foley, Kassig, Sotloff and Mueller families.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to hold these two men accountable for their crimes.

Sincerely,



JEANNE SHAHEEN
U.S. Senator



MAGGIE HASSAN
U.S. Senator



BILL NELSON
U.S. Senator

CC: Hon. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General
Hon. Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State