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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I write to follow up on a matter of great importance to me and the people of Massachusetts. In May and July 2011, I asked that you press the Ecuadorian government to return Luis Guaman, a fugitive who is charged with killing a woman and her two year old son in Brockton, Massachusetts. The details of the crime are heinous and Guaman should stand trial where the crimes were committed.

I have been shocked at Ecuador's continued refusal to return Guaman to Massachusetts. I strongly believe that Ecuador is obligated under its treaty obligations with the U.S. to return Guaman. The only appropriate place for Guaman to be prosecuted is in Massachusetts. Further, I have no faith that Ecuador will punish Guaman appropriately. Accordingly, I ask that you continue to call on Ecuador to release Guaman to local authorities in Massachusetts.

As you know, the Guaman case is not the only instance of disappointing behavior by the Ecuadorian government. Ecuador's expulsion of Ambassador Hodges was shocking and inappropriate. Ecuador's repeated bad acts should not go unnoticed.

Finally, I ask that you seriously consider whether it is appropriate to send tens of millions of dollars in foreign assistance to Ecuador when its government has not fostered a mutually beneficial relationship with our ambassador, and its leadership will not release a double murder suspect to authorities in Massachusetts. I stand ready to work with you to resolve this issue, including by introducing legislation to reduce or eliminate foreign assistance to Ecuador.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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