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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
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Dear Secretary Kerry,

As we have previously discussed, John Granville, a neighbor and constituent of mine, was working for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), promoting free and fair elections in South Sudan, when he and his driver, Abdel Rahman Abbas, were murdered by Islamic extremists after leaving the British Embassy on January 1, 2008. Two of his killers, and those who aided in their escape, remain at large.

I am proud to say that under your tenure, and that of your predecessors, the State Department has truly treated this matter with the urgency and respect it deserves. In addition, I thank you for the State Department's efforts thus far to bring to justice, Abdelbasit Alhaj Alhasan Haj Hamad and Mohamed Makawi Ibrahim Mohamed, both of whom escaped from Sudanese prison in 2009, including their designation as "Specially Designated Global Terrorists" and the authorization of a monetary reward for information leading to their arrest or capture through the Rewards for Justice Program.

More than seven years after John's murder, it remains vitally important to identify additional means to bring pressure to bear on these terrorists and their sponsors, and I pledge to continue working with the State Department, in my capacity as a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, to support these efforts.

To that end, I respectfully request that you extend the terrorist designation, and utilization of the RFP to those individuals involved in the escape, namely Mubarak Mustafa and Ahmed Gaffar Ahmed, the former of whom was pardoned by the Sudanese President in 2013. Widening the pursuit to include those implicated in the prison break could also lead to further information about the whereabouts of the killers.

Lastly, I ask that you continue to pressure the Government of Sudan to bring about justice and maintain their listing on the State Sponsors of Terrorism, opposing any de-listing initiative until the men convicted of the assassination of John Granville are apprehended and the pardon of Mubarak Mustafa is repealed.

Continued efforts to capture and bring to justice these terrorists are critical towards honoring John's legacy and ensuring that those who seek to do us harm know the United States will vigorously and relentlessly pursue them. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a small flourish at the end.

Brian Higgins  
Member of Congress