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Ambassador Antonov,

We are writing today to reinforce our concern that two American children, Sophia and Isabella Mobley, remain separated from their father, Brian Mobley, after being removed from the United States without his consent. This situation is rapidly growing untenable and creates unnecessary friction between our nations during a time of uncertainty.

While it is understood that the United States and Russia will not see eye to eye on every issue, it is important that we maintain every effort at dialogue and work towards resolution of this dispute. Ms. Bogdana Osipova left the country with the children, in violation of the custody agreement that Ms. Osipova and Mr. Mobley entered into as part of their divorce proceedings. Ms. Osipova was then arrested upon her return to the United States after she was accused by the federal government of international parental kidnapping and extortion. She was then afforded all due process of law in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, and a jury of her peers found her guilty after carefully weighing all evidence presented. It is our belief that Ms. Osipova was treated fairly and humanely in accordance with our laws; however, should there be allegations of inappropriate treatment during the course of her detention, we are willing to make inquiries.

It must be understood that we do not seek to destroy Ms. Osipova's life, nor does Mr. Mobley. Mr. Mobley has repeatedly stated that he wants Ms. Osipova to remain in Sophia and Isabella's life. Mr. Mobley is prepared to ask the court for leniency during sentencing of Ms. Osipova if the children are returned. While we cannot interfere with her conviction status, we are open to discuss any matter or method that brings the children home to their parents in a matter that is satisfactory for both parties in accordance with United States laws.

We are hopeful that a diplomatic solution can be reached and we would like to work with you in accomplishing that goal. Should you be interested in a meeting, please reach out to Rep. Estes office. We look forward to hearing your reply.

Respectfully,

Ron Estes

*Member of Congress*