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The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP  
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

By email

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Dear Foreign Secretary

I have been contacted by countless constituents over the past 2 years about the terrible situation regarding Mrs Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, and this has increased over the past couple of weeks, as her husband Mr Richard Ratcliffe continued his deeply upsetting hunger strike until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. I write on their behalf to raise the ongoing concerns they have for herself and her family and their deep worry over this ongoing situation, which is still hard to fathom has happened in the first place.

I understand you've met recently with Mr Ratcliffe, which I know constituents were pleased to hear, and that you spoke to your Iranian counterpart on Monday 8 November, raising Nazanin's heartbreaking ongoing case and that of all British nationals unfairly detained in Iran. I greatly hope these talks were positive and some progress was able to be made.

Regarding the IMS Debt, I know the Government are currently exploring all options to resolve this 40-year-old case, but constituents are continuing to raise the possibility of whether this can be settled as a means to see British citizens, like Nazanin, released by the Iranian Government.

I appreciate all the crucial and vital efforts both yourself and Foreign Office Ministers are putting into securing Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe's release, and I would be grateful to hear if there are any further avenues we are exploring, which you are able to share and I can highlight to constituents.

I hope this terrible situation can be resolved swiftly and soon, and that Nazanin can be reunited with her family.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to resolving this case.

*Grateful thanks*

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