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Dear Senator Shaheen,

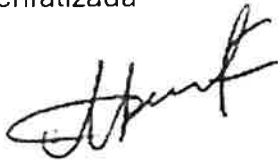
I write to you today to share my heartfelt thanks for your recent letter of support. I sincerely appreciate your compassion towards my family. As a parent yourself, I know you understand the pain I feel being separated from my daughter. In this deeply distressing time for my family, I find strength and determination in the knowledge that human rights champions like you are fighting for us to be together again.

I also wanted to express my thanks for your kind words about my work. It is heartening to hear that my journalism continues to resonate with freedom-minded people all over the world. It is thanks to your support for RFE/RL that I was able to report the truth about what is happening in my country.

I look forward to meeting you to thank you personally. Your letter means more to me than you know.

Respectfully yours,

Farid Mehralizada

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Farid', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.