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Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Global Affairs Canada

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Dear Minister Freeland,

I write to you today concerning the case of Hassan Diab, a Canadian citizen extradited to France in 2014. Many Canadians have contacted me with concerns about the treatment of Mr. Diab while imprisoned in France and the long delays in judicial proceedings.

I draw your attention to a recent open letter from Amnesty International Canada, addressed to you, the Minister of Justice, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Consular Affairs. In this letter, Amnesty International urges the Canadian government to take steps to secure the release of Mr. Diab on bail.

Minister, as you know, Amnesty International and other human rights groups have raised serious concerns about the evidentiary basis for accusations against Mr. Diab, concerns which predate his extradition to France. Amnesty has noted that unsourced evidence against Mr. Diab may have been obtained by torture, that Mr. Diab is not a flight risk, and that he has cooperated with Canadian and French authorities for years. They have also expressed alarm at the excessive length of Mr. Diab's detention, and at the repeated overturning of Mr. Diab's bail.

I ask you for an update on Canada's actions in this case, both in terms of consular support and diplomatic efforts to ensure due process standards are respected in Mr. Diab's case.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Laverdière'.

**Hélène Laverdière**, MP for Laurier – Sainte-Marie  
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