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Honorable Joe Moakley  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Room 221  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Moakley:

Thank you in joining in writing to First Secretary Gorbachev about the plight of Victor and Batsheva Yelistratov. This letter was brought to our attention because we chair the International Committee for the Yelistratovs, a committee which has been formed specifically on behalf of the Yelistratovs.

We believe that pressure from United States politicians is one of the most effective methods for securing the release of those oppressed in the Soviet Union. Indeed, this was confirmed to us when we last visited Victor and Batsheva in their Moscow apartment this past September.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask that you continue in your efforts to help them. This involves continued pressure on high level Soviet officials, the linkage of their situation with United States - Soviet trade relations, and letters to the Yelistratovs. The letters to the Yelistratovs serve two purposes. First, letters from the free world lend moral support and encouragement. This is especially so when such letters are sent by government officials. Given the deterioration of the situation of the Jews in Soviet Union, it is particularly important that contact with the free world be maintained. Second, the letters serve to notify the Soviet government that Victor and Batsheva are not forgotten and their case is a matter of concern.

As you are aware, the Yelistratovs' mail is censored and is often not delivered. Due to your position as a member of Congress, there is reason to believe that the Yelistratovs, and others in similar situations, have a greater chance of receiving your letters. In fact, by writing to the Yelistratovs, you will also be assisting us in obtaining the data necessary to confirm this. If we learn that your letters are also being confiscated, we will use this information accordingly.

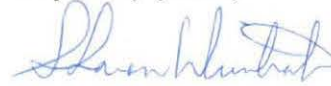
Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of any correspondence which you send to the Yelistratovs and which you receive from them. Their address is:

Victor and Batsheva Yelistratov  
B. Cherkizovskaya, No.1, Kor 2, Apt. 50  
Moscow, 107061, USSR

If you desire further information concerning the Yelistratovs, please contact us and we will be happy to supply it.

Once again, we want to thank you for your past and continuing efforts on behalf of Victor and Batsheva. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,



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