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Ms Nasrin Sotoudeh  
European Parliament's Sakharov  
Prize Laureate

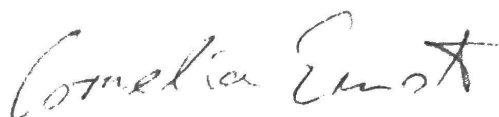
Dear Ms Sotoudeh,

I am writing to you on behalf of all Members of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Iran, to express how encouraged we are to see that you have been temporarily released. We all are sending you our best wishes for a fast recovery. Just a few days ago, Jeff Kaufman's documentary film "Nasrin" was shown in the European Parliament. We all have known about your courage and persistence and the crucial work you do in Iran to advance human rights for a long time, and still, it was a very moving film, as you opened us the doors to your home, your office, and your wonderful family.

You are a laureate of the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize, so I do not need to say, but I still have the wish to let you know that we are sending you, and your family, all our support and that we care about your wellbeing. It is essential that you regain your health, for yourself and your family, most importantly, but also for the hugely important work you do. You are a pillar of hope for all of us who want to advance the situation of human rights in Iran. Fortunately, we have been in contact with your husband, which gives us the opportunity to enquire about your wellbeing regularly.

You can remain assured that we will continue to support you and your family, and do all we can to achieve your deserved release. Please do not hesitate to let us know how else we can be of help.

With warmest regards,



Cornelia ERNST