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Ambassador Anatoly Antonov  
Embassy of the Russian Federation  
2650 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington DC 20007

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to you concerning politician and opposition leader **Aleksei Navalny** who was arrested on 17 January 2021 and sent to prison for two years and eight months for purported “violation of [his] probation terms”. The “violation” consisted in Aleksei Navalny’s failure to report regularly to a probation officer, as part of his non-custodial sentence, which he could not do while he was receiving life-saving treatment abroad following his poisoning in Russia.

Navalny’s imprisonment for this purported “violation” is politically motivated and seeks to silence him and end his peaceful activism. It relates to a past conviction that the European Court of Human Rights has found to be “arbitrary and manifestly unreasonable” and intended to “suppress political pluralism”.

To protest the lack of access to specialized medical care outside prison, on 31 March 2021 Navalny went on a hunger strike, which he ended 24 days later, after his doctors had been allowed to examine him and they concluded that he could die in the next few days if he continued the hunger strike and did not receive proper medical care.

I urge you to use your authority to ensure Aleksei Navalny’s immediate and unconditional release and launch an investigation regarding the reports of arrests, beating, and torture of Navalny’s team members. Please ensure that all peaceful protesters that are facing trumped-up criminal charges related to the protests are released and their sentences are quashed.

Yours sincerely,

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