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Alexander Darchiyev
Ambassador of the Russian Federation
to the United States of America
2650 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to you regarding the 61-year-old Ukrainian nursery teacher **Olha Baranevska** from Melitopol, Ukraine. Like many other Ukrainians who refused to collaborate with the Russian occupation forces, she was arrested, mistreated and tortured. Olha Baranevska was given a six-year prison sentence on trumped up charges of hiding explosives in her garden based on questionable evidence, including her “confession.”

Olha is suffering from poor health and is insulin-dependent.

I urge you to take all steps within your authority to ensure that Olha Baranevska is immediately and unconditionally released, unless credible evidence of a crime of which she can be plausibly suspected is presented, in which case her right to a fair trial must be fully respected. Pending her release, she should be protected from ill-treatment and provided with the healthcare she requires. The circumstance of her abduction, arbitrary detention and alleged torture and falsification of evidence should be thoroughly investigated, and all those suspected of these human rights violations should be held accountable in fair trials.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

City: _____ USA