

Pastor Saeed Abedini's Wife Pens Open Letter to President Obama

American Pastor Saeed Abedini's wife, Naghmeh, wrote the following open letter to President Obama urging his administration to do more to free her husband and the other wrongfully imprisoned Americans held in Iran.

President Obama, ☐☐

When you met with my children, Rebekka and Jacob, and I in January, you promised that you would do everything you can to get my husband—their father—out of prison. You told our family that securing my husband's release is a "high priority." I know that this is a very difficult thing to do, but I ask that you, Secretary of State John Kerry, and your administration to do everything they can to have our fellow U.S. citizens freed before any deal is finalized with Iran.

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In your address on April 2 you stated, "These are matters of war and peace, and they should be evaluated based on facts and what is ultimately best for the American people." The fact is that my husband, who is being held simply because of his Christian faith, and the three other wrongfully held U.S. citizens are Americans and they need to be released. ☐☐

Mr. President, as the US continues its negotiations with Iran, will you please demand the immediate release of Jason Rezaian, Amir Hekmati, Robert Levinson, and my husband, Pastor Saeed Abedini—this direct ask needs to be priority front and center not pushed to the sidelines. These Americans deserve to be freed and returned to their families immediately.

Please continue to pray and sign the petition for their release as we fight across the globe for Pastor Saeed's freedom.