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O T T A W A
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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street, Langevin Block
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Dear Prime Minister,

As you know, it has been over a month since Canadian citizens Dr. Tarek Loubani and John Greyson were detained in Cairo without charge. Given the complexity and the urgency of their situation and the difficult political context in Egypt, I urge you to intervene personally.

As we have learned, the Egyptian prosecutor finally met last week with the two men, only to send them back behind bars for another two weeks.

The continued delay is unacceptable and completely unjustified. Recent news that Dr. Loubani and Mr. Greyson have begun a hunger strike further emphasizes the need for urgent action on this case.

Therefore, I am asking you to urge Egyptian authorities to release these two men—especially if no charges are forthcoming. I would also ask that your government push Egypt to ensure these Canadians have regular access to consular officials, legal representatives and their families.

I thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Mulcair'.

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