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Ms. Julie Schmid
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Dear Ms. Schmid:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of February 26, 2018, addressed to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, regarding the case of Mr. Kavous Seyed-Emami in Iran.

I appreciate that you took the time to share your organization's concerns on this matter of utmost importance to the Government of Canada.

We offer our deepest condolences to Mr. Seyed-Emami's loved ones.

The Government of Canada is seriously concerned by the situation surrounding the detention and death of Mr. Seyed-Emami. As stated by Minister Freeland and her Parliamentary Secretary responsible for consular affairs, Mr. Omar Alghabra, we have expressed our concerns to the Government of Iran and will continue to do so. We expect the Government of Iran to provide information and answers into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Seyed-Emami's tragic death and will continue to use every means at Canada's disposal to seek further information.

Although the *Privacy Act* prevents me from sharing further detail, I can assure you that Canadian officials remain in close contact with Mr. Seyed-Emami's family to provide assistance during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kirill Kagner
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