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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3805

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President Ricardo Lagos Escobar
La Casa de Moneda
Santiago, Chile 6772208

Dear President Lagos:

I am, again, writing on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Boris Weisfeiler, a professor of mathematics at the Pennsylvania State University, who disappeared in southern Chile while hiking in January 1985. I sent an inquiry to you on August 23, 2005. However, to date, I have no record of receiving a reply from your office.

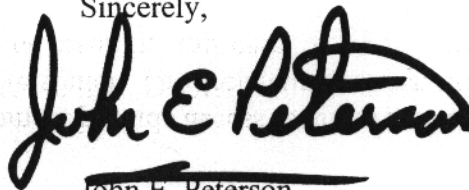
I wish to advocate my strong support of resolving the investigation of Dr. Weisfeiler's disappearance. As you may be aware, evidence suggests that he was arrested by General Pinochet's security forces and taken to the torture center of Colonia Dignidad. Additionally, Paul Shafer, who founded the torture and detention center has recently been arrested and deported to Chile, yet the fate of Dr. Weisfeiler remains unknown.

I strongly urge that your government provide access to all information and relevant files surrounding the disappearance of Dr. Weisfeiler. Dr. Weisfeiler's sister, other family members, former students, and friends have not given up on resolving this case. It is my hope that they will soon discover the fate of their loved one.

I respectfully request that you take the actions necessary in order to resolve this case. I hope that you will consider this request as taking another step in order to right the misguiding of the Pinochet era of the past. I would very much appreciate your review of this matter.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Peterson
Member of Congress

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