

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to encourage you to discuss the case of Professor Boris Weisfeiler with President Sebastián Piñera during your upcoming trip to Chile.

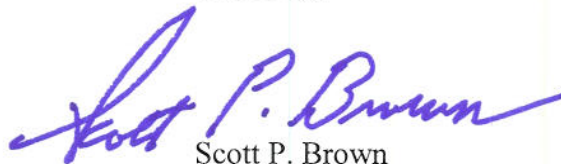
Like you, I value the strong relationship between the United States and Chile based on the shared interests in diplomacy, security, science and culture. However, I believe that the Government of Chile should increase its attention to the disappearance of Professor Weisfeiler.

Professor Weisfeiler, a United States citizen, disappeared while hiking in Chile in January of 1985. I understand that the U.S. Department of State has been working on this case for many years. Declassified documents from the U.S. government suggest that Professor Weisfeiler was detained by the Chilean military and transported to an enclave called Colonia Dignidad.

The disappearance of Professor Weisfeiler deeply concerns me. Last year, I joined colleagues in the Senate and the House of Representatives to encourage President Piñera to keep intact the police detective team that had been working on the Weisfeiler case. Despite our request, the key detectives were reassigned, which has been a set-back for the investigation.

Your meeting with President Piñera could be an important step for the Weisfeiler family to ultimately understand the events that occurred in Chile and gain closure. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott P. Brown

United States Senator