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October 5, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington DC, 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

I write with deep concern over the detention and treatment of the crew and passengers of the Global Sumud Flotilla that sought to deliver urgently needed humanitarian aid to Gaza. I urge you to use the full diplomatic resources of the United States to secure the swift release of U.S. citizens and residents currently being held. It is the solemn obligation of the State Department, and the responsibility of the Trump Administration, to ensure their safe and fair treatment, consistent with how our government responds to detentions in other parts of the world.

I further urge you to press for the expeditious release of all non-violent flotilla participants, regardless of nationality. From my home state of California alone, at least three individuals remain detained, including David Adler, Tommy Marcus, Geraldine Ramirez of Cathedral City and Logan Hollarsmith from San Francisco. While I welcome the release of hundreds of the nearly 500 detained participants, I am troubled that many of those held were intercepted outside territorial waters.

The flotilla's stated mission was to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, where millions face starvation and are in desperate need of life saving resources. I continue to call for overwhelming humanitarian relief to be delivered immediately, alongside efforts to secure a lasting peace. Such a peace must include the safe return of the October 7th hostages, accountability through the dismantling of Hamas, an ironclad commitment to protect civilians, a swift end to military operations, and a permanent ceasefire. Only through these steps can we save lives and advance the promise of a durable two-state solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Gomez" clearly legible.

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress