

February 1, 2011

H.E. Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei

The Supreme Leader

Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency and dear brother,

As Salaam Aliakum.

Inshallah, I pray this letter finds you in good health.

I write you today to ask your mercy for the two men, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, who are currently being held by Iranian authorities. I am humbled by the compassion you gave to their young female friend Sarah Shourd, by allowing her to return to her family. I ask the same mercy and compassion be given to them as well.

My last visit to Tehran was some years ago but I remember it as if it were yesterday. The people were so kind and beautiful. Most Americans don't know how warm and welcoming the Iranian people can be. One day, I hope I am able to return to Tehran to stand, greet and be among my Iranian brothers and sisters once again. Perhaps that day will come soon.

Please show the world the compassion I know you have in your heart. Allah is most merciful. I remain your brother in Islam, always.

With much love and respect,

Muhammad Ali