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Ambassador Gavrilesco
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Dear Ambassador Gavrilesco,

As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, I wanted to bring a very important matter to your attention. The case involves the September 21, 1985 arrest of George-Emil Ursu.

The information I have gathered states that Mr. Ursu was fired from his job at which he had worked for 35 years as an esteemed design engineer; he was arrested at that time. Since the day of his arrest, the members of Mr. Ursu's family, back in Romania, have been prevented from seeing or talking to any Romanian authority in regard to his case, despite their continuous and daily efforts. It is my understanding that Mr. Ursu is being held under no charge and is being prevented from seeing his family, or his lawyer. His family expressed to me their concern that he is held in "abusive detention in total isolation."

Ambassador, after contacting the State Department, I became aware that they have already approached the Romanian Government regarding Gheorge-Emil Ursu, and I am also aware that your government has failed to respond. This is one case that I can not let go unnoticed! Rest assured that I will not cease my persistence until this matter is settled.

I look forward to a response from your government. Your expedience in this situation would be appreciated. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Mark D. Siljander
Member of Congress

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