

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to summarize facts known by or reported to the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., concerning the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's wrongful detention of U.S. citizen Eyvin Hernandez.

Pursuant to the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-taking Accountability Act, Section 302(c) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, the U.S. Department of State has determined the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has wrongfully detained U.S. citizen Eyvin Hernandez. He was arrested on March 31, 2022, and has been wrongfully detained in Venezuela since that time. He is currently held in the Dirección General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM) prison in Caracas, Venezuela. Since his arrest, Mr. Hernandez has been unable to travel, freely communicate, or complete documentation necessary to manage his personal affairs. The U.S. Department of State has been engaged on Mr. Hernandez's case throughout and remains committed to assuring his welfare and securing his release.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Harkins in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at 202-485-2128 or by email at HarkinsJ@State.gov.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Roger D. Carstens Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs