

January 23, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

As the official organization representing the interest and advocating on behalf of UCLA alumni, the UCLA Alumni Association respectfully requests the Biden Administration to do everything in its power to repatriate Eyvin Hernandez, a two-time UCLA graduate who has been wrongfully detained in Venezuela since March 31, 2022.

On November 1, 2022, Ambassador Roger D. Carstens of the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs declared that Venezuela is wrongfully detaining Eyvin. Since his arrest, Eyvin has not been able to travel, freely communicate or complete documentation necessary to manage his personal affairs. To this date, Eyvin remains wrongfully detained in a maximum-security prison.

Eyvin obtained his bachelor's degrees in Math and Physics and juris doctorate from UCLA. For the last 15 years, Eyvin has served as a public defender for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. In this capacity, Eyvin has safeguarded the constitutional rights of indigent people. Now is the time for us to stand with one of our own who has contributed his time and talent to safeguarding the rights of others. We echo the sentiments of Los Angeles Mayor Bass, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, U.S. Senators from California, and members of Congress and request expeditious action on the matter. We are hopeful that our collective efforts will bring Eyvin home!

Respectfully,

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