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The Honorable John Kerry  
U.S. Department of State  
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

As president of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), I write to respectfully request that the United States use its influence on behalf of Christians being persecuted in Libya.

I was alarmed when informed by members of our association that at least one Christian, an Egyptian named Ezzat Atallah, was left to die after imprisonment for his faith. I understand the Egyptian Foreign Ministry stated that Mr. Atallah died of natural causes, but that others worried prison conditions and possible abuse hastened his death. In any case, we find it unconscionable that he and others have been arrested and treated with such enmity for their faith by Libyan authorities.

NRB is an ardent advocate of religious liberty for all people domestically and abroad. We ask that the United States investigate and work to ameliorate the treatment of Christians in Libya.

Thank you for your leadership at the U.S. Department of State.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your leadership at the U.S. Department of State. We are grateful for your commitment to the promotion of the free exercise of religion for members of all faiths around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Wright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Wright, Ph.D.  
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