

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE AMBASSADOR

Belgrade, Serbia June 26, 2014

Mr. Fatose Bytyqi 53 Palo Alto Drive Hampton Bay, NY 11946

Dear Mr. Bytiqi:

As we approach the fifteenth anniversary of your brothers' murders while in police custody in Serbia, I am writing to reassure you that we remember them, and your family. More importantly, we continue to do everything in our power to hold Serbian officials to their commitments that those responsible for ordering and carrying out this awful crime will be brought to justice. The utmost priority for the U.S. Embassy is seeing justice done for your family.

When we met last year in Belgrade, I was impressed by your patience and determination. You have persevered in the face of many challenges, overcome many obstacles, and shared your brothers' tragic story with many people over the past decade and a half. Since your visit, we have continued to urge Serbian authorities at all levels to fulfill their responsibility to uphold the law and pursue this case to a just conclusion. Along with our Department of Justice colleagues, we have strengthened our efforts to render law enforcement assistance and technical expertise to the ongoing Serbian investigation, emphasizing to prosecutors that it is their solemn duty to follow the evidence wherever it leads. We also have continued to facilitate reforms that will enhance Serbia's capacity to resolve more quickly complex and sensitive cases such as yours in the future.

On behalf of the entire Embassy, please accept my sincerest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time of remembrance. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I assure you that we too will not rest until justice is served.

Sincerely

Michael D. Kirby