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The Andrei Sakharov Foundation
7113 Wesley Road
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Dear Family of Nobel Laureate Dr. Andrei Sakharov:

I am honored to share the deep appreciation of the American people for the work and enduring legacy of Dr. Andrei Sakharov. One hundred years after his birth, Dr. Sakharov's moral clarity remains an inspiration to us all.

While he may have risen to prominence as one of the Soviet Union's top nuclear physicists, Sakharov also stands at the forefront of global human rights advocates. We are all the inheritors of that continuing responsibility as we strive to live up to their proud legacy.

Sakharov's belief in reason and science allowed him to clearly understand the awesome destructive capabilities of nuclear weapons. His tireless advocacy earned him a reputation as "the conscience of mankind," and I could not agree more.

Today, we honor Sakharov's courageous stand against authoritarianism and his call for open societies that welcome the full exercise of democracy, including dissent, and we recognize the work your Foundation does to carry forward his remarkable leadership. It is a true testament to the life and legacy of Andrei Sakharov.

Sincerely,