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 13TH DISTRICT, OHIO

May 2, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I write to make you aware of a troubling case in my congressional district, State of Ohio v. Claudia C. Hoerig. The charging documents establish probable cause that Claudia C. Hoerig fatally shot her husband, U.S. Air Force Reserve Major Karl Hoerig, at their Newton Falls, Ohio home on March 12, 2007. The facts leading to the charge of aggravated murder underscore the pre-meditated nature of this heinous crime; Mrs. Hoerig allegedly purchased a Smith & Wesson .357 five shot revolver on March 10, 2007, went to a shooting range later that day to practice using the weapon and then fatally shot her husband. Mrs. Hoerig then fled to her native Brazil, where she awaits a Brazilian Supreme Court ruling on whether to extradite her to the United States.

Due to Brazil's constitutional provision prohibiting the extradition of its nationals, Claudia Hoerig currently enjoys safe haven from the reach of U.S. law and criminal procedure. After ten years of waiting for Claudia Hoerig to be brought to justice, she has yet to stand trial for the crimes with which she has been charged. Brazil's constitution clearly has served as an unfortunate barrier to justice in this case, allowing Mrs. Hoerig to evade U.S. law enforcement despite the grave charges against her.

I would very much appreciate every effort that you can make to bring justice to bear in this case. I would also appreciate the assistance of the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Justice Department in keeping my office and Karl Hoerig's family up to date on any developments. I am happy to discuss this issue with you or your staff at any time. Should you have any questions or wish to reach me, please contact my office at 202-225-5261.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
 Member of Congress

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