

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

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The Honorable Hillary Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary,

I am writing to urge that you do everything in your power to help secure the release of Kyaw Zaw Lwin a Myanmar-born American whose fiancée lives in Maryland. Mr. Lwin, also referred to as Nyi Nyi Aung was arrested by Myanmar authorities on September 3, 2009 upon arrival at Yangon airport and was charged with fraud and forgery. Both charges carry a prison term of seven years.

It is vital that the U.S. State Department ensure the health, safety and fair treatment of every U.S. citizen incarcerated overseas. Every American in custody overseas must be afforded fair and humane treatment in accordance with international law. I have serious concerns about Mr. Lwin's treatment by a military regime known for its violation of human rights. Mr. Lwin has already reported through his attorney that he has been tortured while being interrogated during his detention.

I urge you to condemn Mr. Lwin's detention in the strongest terms possible and to ensure that the State Department is doing everything in its power to secure Mr. Lwin's release. Until his release can be obtained, I ask that the State Department continue to carefully monitor Mr. Lwin's condition- particularly his health and safety- and do everything possible to keep Mr. Lwin's family informed of his status. I am committed to working with you to accomplish these objectives and ensuring Mr. Lwin's release.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator