



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. Watters:

Thank you for your letters to Secretary Clinton regarding the human rights situation in Turkmenistan. I have been asked to respond on Secretary Clinton's behalf.

The United States is deeply concerned regarding the human rights situation and civil society restrictions in Turkmenistan. This administration will continue to support the work of civil society and will raise human rights issues both publicly and privately with the Turkmen government.

Thank you for your work in the region. We hope that you will share our sentiment with the signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Kay Mayfield".

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