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March 27, 2020

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C. Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

As you work to repatriate thousands of U.S. citizens trapped around the world as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, I write to respectfully ask for your urgent assistance in bringing back to American soil 17 of my constituents who are currently in Egypt.

On March 16, 2020, Egypt's Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly announced the decision to suspend all commercial flights in and out of the country's airports until March 31, 2020, leaving my constituents stranded in Cairo without a way to return home. Since contacting my office, my constituents have enrolled in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program and are still awaiting further guidance from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. On March 25, 2020 the Egyptian government announced the extension of the flight restriction until April 15, 2020, a cause of further concern to my constituents and their family members

Therefore, I ask that as you continue negotiations with foreign countries and coordinate rescue flights, and in accordance with all applicable rules, laws and regulations, you take swift action in bringing these American citizens back to the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jenniffer González-Colón".

Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress