February 16, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I am deeply saddened by the news of the murder of Alexei Navalny. This is Putin’s M.O., it’s what he does and has always done—murder opponents and journalists. He’s a third rate former neo-Stalinist apparatchik.

As I grieve today, I reflect on Navalny’s life and legacy. My thoughts immediately go to Vladimir Kara-Murza, his wife Evgenia and their three children. Navalny is a grim reminder of what Putin and his regime do to brave people who oppose them.

Vladimir is a Washington Post columnist who is a permanent U.S. resident with a wife and children who are U.S. citizens living in Virginia. This gives him “significant ties to the United States,” and his arrest was highly irregular with the clear intent to silence him for telling the truth about Putin’s illegal war.

I am once again requesting that we do all we can to help Vladimir and that you designate him as wrongfully detained under the Levinson Act.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Special Representative on Political Prisoners