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Hon. Peter Dutton
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Minister

Following on from my letter of 8 September I write again in relation to my sincere concerns for the safety of a refugee family that has been resettled on Nauru.

I have received the disturbing news that the mother of Nazanin, the 23 year old Iranian refugee who in May was brutally raped by Nauruan guards, attempted suicide on Saturday afternoon.

As you would be aware Nazanin underwent surgery at Prince Charles Hospital last month after being evacuated to Australia in August as a result of two failed suicide attempts. Nazanin is expected to be returned to Nauru once her physical health improves, despite the associated dangers.

My office recently spoke with Omid, her brother, who explained his concerns about the real and constant threat his family faces on Nauru. A number of credible reports reveal that conditions on Nauru are not safe for refugees, particularly women. As you would be aware, under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees Australia has a legal, and moral, obligation to protect those seeking asylum. Despite this, Australia continues to fail to ensure the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees to whom we have a duty of care are respected.

I seek your urgent attention to this matter and would appreciate any information you have regarding Nazanin and her mother's health, and what the Australian Government is doing to assist the family.

I urge you to consider reuniting Nazanin with her mother and brother through appropriate humanitarian resettlement in Australia.

Given that this matter is time sensitive I would appreciate your consideration of this serious matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Melissa Parke
Federal Labor Member for Fremantle

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