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Ambassador Nikola Dimitrov
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VIA FACSIMILE: 202-337-3093

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing on behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, to call your attention to our serious concern with the government of Macedonia's continued harassment of the Trade Union of Education, Science and Culture (SONK). I am attaching a letter that has been sent today to Prime Minister Vlado Buckovski which outlines our concerns.

Since you are the Macedonian government's representative here in the United States, I wanted you to be aware of our serious objections to your government's actions. At a time when the Republic of Macedonia is seeking a broader role in institutions such as NATO and the EU, your government's continued harassment of SONK and your refusal to negotiate does nothing but tarnish the reputation of your country among American educators and trade unionists. I strongly encourage you to urge your government to reopen good faith negotiations with the nationally elected leaders of SONK.

Sincerely,

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