

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 617

Approved October 23, 1981

WHEREAS, The Soviet Union has been arresting, imprisoning, torturing, and ill-treating various persons because of their religious and political beliefs, and

WHEREAS, This outrageous conduct by the Soviet Union and its leaders constitutes a violation of basic human rights and of all accepted standards of civilized behavior, and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all believers in human rights and dignity to individually, and as bodies politic, to express their condemnation and concern about the type of conduct which is being exhibited by the Soviet Union and its leaders,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby goes on record as expressing its condemnation of the shameful and inhuman conduct mentioned hereinabove and urges:

1. That the leaders of the U.S.S.R. free from arrest, imprisonment, torture, and ill-treatment all persons who have been persecuted because of their religious and political beliefs;
2. That the above-mentioned arrests, imprisonments, torture, and ill-treatment be condemned by the United Nations and all world leaders, and
3. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the following:
 - a. President of the United States;
 - b. Secretary of State of the United States;
 - c. Russian Embassy;
 - d. President of the United Nations;
 - e. Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 15 1981

READ AND PASSED

Louis R. Stravato
ACTING PRES

Rose M. Menahan
CLERK

APPROVED

Joseph A. Cianci
MAYOR

OCT 23 1981

Councilman Peabody and Councilman Snowden

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

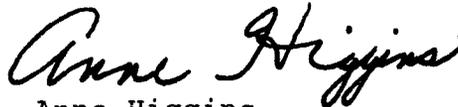
November 2, 1981

Dear Miss Mendonca:

Thank you for sending President Reagan the resolution adopted by your Council. Your courtesy in bringing this statement of views to his attention is appreciated, and you may be sure that it has been fully noted.

With best wishes to you and the members of your Council,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Higgins".

Anne Higgins
Director of Correspondence

Miss Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

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Congress of the United States

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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January 5, 1982

Rose Mendonca
Department of City Clerk
City of Providence
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Rose,

Thank you for writing to express your concern over human rights violations in the Soviet Union. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your letter. Your understanding in the matter is greatly appreciated. I was deeply moved by the actions of the City Council and therefore have taken the liberty of forwarding the resolution to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

I too am concerned over the conduct of Soviet officials in deciding the fate of individuals whose political and/or religious beliefs may be contrary to official government policies. As a supporter of human rights, I cannot stand idly by while other's freedom of expression is severely oppressed through tactics of terrorism and brutality.

As you may know, I cosponsored H.J. Res. 220, a joint resolution proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg as an honorary citizen of the United States and requesting the President to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. Wallenberg and call for his return to freedom. This resolution passed the House on September 22, 1981. In addition, I cosponsored H. Con. Res. 50, which is a concurrent resolution, expressing the sense of Congress, that urges the Soviet government to provide proper medical care for Dr. Victor Bralovsky and asks that he and his family be allowed to emigrate to Israel. The resolution also calls on President Reagan to protest the continued suppression of human rights in the Soviet Union.

I am with you in your condemnation of a country that permits gross violations of human rights to continue to be unchecked. Such action is indeed inexcusable and certainly must not be allowed to go on. You can be sure that I will work to seek passage of legislation which protects the human rights of all people, both in the U.S.S. R. and all offending countries.

Again, thank you for voicing your concern over this very important issue. I would appreciate it if you would share my thoughts with the Mayor and other members of the City Council. If I may be of any assistance to you or any of the members in the future, please be sure to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudine".

Claudine Schneider
Member of Congress

CS/bmm

October 29, 1981

President of the United States
Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

My Dear Mister President:

Enclosed is certified copy of Resolution presented to the City Council by Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman, having been passed and approved by His Honor the Mayor, for your review.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,
City Clerk of Providence.

RMM/jma

October 29, 1981

Secretary of the United States
Alexander M. Haig
2201 C Street North West
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Haig:

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Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,
City Clerk of Providence.

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October 29, 1981

Russian Embassy
Mr. Anatoliy Dobrynin
1125 16th Street North West
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Dobrynin:

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President of the United Nations
H. E. Mr. Rudiger Wechmar
United Nations Building
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Wechmar:

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Very truly yours,

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Honorable Claudine Schneider
1431 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schneider:

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Very truly yours,

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Honorable Bernard J. St. Germain
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman St. Germain:

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Very truly yours,

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Honorable John H. Chafee
3215 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Chafee:

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October 29, 1981

Honorable Claiborne DeB. Pell
325 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

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Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca, C
City Clerk of Providence.

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