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Dear Mr. Wartels,

Thank you for writing regarding John Graham's extradition to the United States for the murder of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash in South Dakota.

Our current extradition laws are complicated and atrocious. As Robert J. Currie, Professor of Law at Dalhousie University has written, "our law prevents individuals sought for extradition from making any meaningful challenge to a foreign state's extradition request on the basis the requesting state does not have sufficiently reliable evidence." As it stands, the federal *Extradition Act* requires judges to assume that the foreign state's case is strong enough to prosecute and the burden is on the individual being extradited to prove otherwise. Multiple cases have demonstrated this to be practically impossible. It is essential that we amend the *Extradition Act* to ensure justice for every Canadian citizen facing extradition under the *Act*.

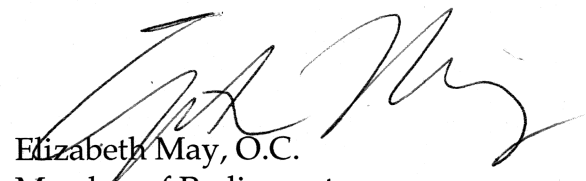
My understanding of Mr. Graham's case is that now only ministerial intervention from the Canadian government would be capable of making any change to his circumstances, dependent on cooperation with the USA. Then-Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler ordered Mr. Graham's surrender to the United States and Mr. Graham's subsequent appeal was denied. The timeline for legal appeals through Canadian courts is closed.

I will raise the issue with our current Minister of Justice, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould. I trust you will as well. You can write her at the following address:

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
284 Wellington Street  
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Thank you again for writing. It is an honour to serve as your Member of Parliament.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth May', is written over the printed name.

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