

## United States Senate

May 30, 2024

The Honorable Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam  
Governor  
Honorable N.J.S. Francis Building  
Pond Street, Grand Turk  
Turks and Caicos Islands

Dear Governor Daniel-Selvaratnam:

I write in support of the swift resolution of the case involving my constituent, Ms. Sharitta Grier, and urge your assistance to enable her reunification with her family in Florida as quickly as possible.

For Ms. Grier, what began as a surprise Mother's Day gift of a dream vacation to Turks & Caicos has turned into a nightmare scenario. Since her arrest at the airport, she has endured days of being shackled to an administrative desk and forced to sleep on the floor at the police station, and now she must remain on the island at great personal expense while the threat of severe punishment looms over her for conduct that, by all accounts, appears to be an inadvertent mistake.

Pursuing strict liability against Ms. Grier for an inadvertent act that wholly lacks any element of criminal intent is a miscarriage of justice. Punishment is merited where an individual knows certain conduct is prohibited and nonetheless willfully acts to violate that restriction, but, as I understand it, none of the five Americans who have recently been detained on the island for similar charges had any intent whatsoever to break the law.

I urge you to act swiftly in this matter to secure Ms. Grier's timely return to her family in Florida.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
United States Senator