

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 17 December 2012

Dear Secretary of State,

I cannot find words to express our shock and our sadness after the news of the tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. It hurts to think of the horrific fate of the victims, especially of the children, murdered in their classroom. We share your pain and we share your grief.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, of every member of our staff, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims, and to the people of the United States of America.

Yours sincerely,



Thorbjørn Jagland

Mrs Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State of the United States of America