

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 6, 2022

The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

We are deeply disturbed by the killing of an American journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, who was shot to death while reporting near the city of Jenin in the West Bank on May 11, 2022.

We urge that the State Department ensure there is a full and transparent investigation and accountability for Ms. Akleh's death.

The killing of a U.S. citizen and of a journalist engaged in the work of reporting in a conflict zone is unacceptable.

All over the world, journalists pursue truth and accountability at great personal risk. Press freedom is a core American value, and we cannot accept impunity when journalists are killed in the line of duty.

We insist that the Administration ensure a full and transparent investigation is completed and that justice is served for Ms. Akleh's death.

Please provide a detailed update on the progress of this effort within 30 days.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator



Mitt Romney  
United States Senator