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Appeal to Justice Minister of France to Drop All Charges Against UGTG Trade Unionists and List of Endorsers



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Attention Mme. Christine Taubira, Justice Minister of France, Paris, France

Dear Mme. Taubira,

We, the undersigned trade unionists and labor activists, have been informed that on top of refusing to respect and implement the Bino Agreements, which concluded the 44-day general strike in February 2009, your government is stepping up its repression against the trade union movement, and against the General Union of Workers of Guadeloupe (UGTG) in particular.

We call on you to drop the charges and court proceedings against the UGTG trade unionists, particularly against UGTG Deputy General Secretary Charly Lendo, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter in the unfortunate death of a young motorcyclist for which he bears no responsibility.

We, who remain attached to the fundamental principles of international labor solidarity and democracy, call upon you to stop criminalizing the Guadeloupan trade unionists, to put an end to DNA tests against trade unionists, and to drop all charges against Charly Lendo.

Sincerely,

Colia Clark, Nellie Bailey, Alan Benjamin
Campaign Initiators
Haiti-Guadeloupe Campaign Committee
New York, New York

UNION ENDORSEMENTS

Local 1180

Communications Workers of America
President Arthur Cheliotès
New York, New York

CWA Local 1180 sent a solidarity message, on their local's letterhead, with the wording of the Appeal to French Minister of Justice Christine Taubira.

North Carolina Public Service Workers Unions

UE Local 150

President Angaza Laughinghouse
Vice President Larsene Taylor
Charlotte, North Carolina

see text of solidarity message above ;
message was sent on union letterhead

Local 808

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
President Osvaldo "Ozzie" La Verme
Secretary-Treasurer Chris Silvera
Long Island City, New York

see text of solidarity message above ;
message was sent on union letterhead

INDIVIDUAL ENDORSEMENTS

(all names of unions/organizations and
titles are listed for id. purposes only)

NAME Nancy Wohlforth

UNION/ORGANIZATION California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

TITLE (for id. only) Vice President

CITY Washington, DC

STATE

ZIP 20003

NAME Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at

UNION/ORGANIZATION National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA)

TITLE (for id. only) Past National Co-Chair

CITY Oakland

STATE California

ZIP 94610

NAME Deputy Adriano Diogo / PT and Barbara Corrales

UNION/ORGANIZATION Committee to Defend Haiti Is to Defend Ourselves / Comitê Defensor o Haiti e Defensor a nos Mesmos - ALESP

TITLE (for id. only) Conveners

CITY Sao Paulo
BRAZIL

NAME Eduardo Rosario
UNION/ORGANIZATION AFSCME Local 375/DC37, OWC Continuations Committee

TITLE (for id. only) Co-Convener OWC CC

CITY Brooklyn

STATE NY

ZIP 11215

NAME Dennis L. Serrette

UNION/ORGANIZATION Retired/ CWA, 50 years, Dir.

TITLE Director of Education

CITY 1809 Clayton Dr.

STATE MD

ZIP 20745

NAME Alfonzo Washington

UNION/ORGANIZATION Africa-USA.org, Pan African Global Trade Conference

TITLE (for id. only) Executive Director

CITY Altadena

STATE California

ZIP 91001

NAME Gene Bruskin

UNION/ORGANIZATION US Labor Against the War (USLAW)

TITLE (for id. only) Founder

CITY Silver Spring

STATE MD

ZIP 20910

NAME Cindy Sheehan

UNION/ORGANIZATION Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox, LLC

TITLE (for id. only) Director

CITY Vacaville

STATE California

ZIP 95687

NAME Roy Walker

UNION/ORGANIZATION Pan-African Perspective

TITLE (for id. only) Co-founder

CITY Chicago

STATE IL

ZIP 60615

NAME Lenny Potash

UNION/ORGANIZATION AFSCME Retiree Chapter 36

TITLE (for id. only) Executive Board member

CITY Los Angeles

STATE California

ZIP 90039

NAME Mya Shone and Ralph Schoenman

UNION/ORGANIZATION Taking Aim

TITLE (for id. only) Co-Producers

CITY Vallejo

STATE California

ZIP 94591

NAME Rev. Buddy A. Larrier

UNION/ORGANIZATION The Non State Actors Reparations Commission of Barbados

TITLE (for id. only) General Secretary

CITY Christ Church

Barbados

ZIP #BB17154

NAME Barry Weisleder

UNION/ORGANIZATION Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Socialist Action / Ligue pour l'Action socialiste

TITLE (for id. only) Organizer, Substitute Teachers' Action Caucus in OSSTF ; Federal Secretary, SA/LAS ; Chairperson, NDP Socialist Caucus

CITY Toronto

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NAME B. Ross Ashley

UNION/ORGANIZATION New Democratic Party, St. Paul's constituency

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UNION/ORGANIZATION Scholars without Borders and (SEIU)

TITLE (for id. only) President

CITY Fullerton

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UNION/ORGANIZATION Haiti Liberté

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UNION/ORGANIZATION Plumbers and Fitters Local 393, San Jose, California

TITLE (for id. only) Vice President

CITY San Jose

STATE California

ZIP 95125

NAME Jerry Gordon

UNION/ORGANIZATION Labor Fightback Network

TITLE (for id. only) Secretary

CITY Cleveland

STATE Ohio

ZIP 44118

NAME Scott Houldieson

UNION/ORGANIZATION UAW Local 551 Chicago, IL 60633

TITLE (for id. only) Union Newspaper Editor

CITY Chicago

STATE Illinois

ZIP 60633

NAME Carl Finamore

UNION/ORGANIZATION Delegate, S.F. Labor Council from IAMAW Local Lodge 1781

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CITY San Francisco

STATE CA

ZIP 94124

NAME Carol E. Gay

UNION/ORGANIZATION NJ State Industrial Union Council

TITLE (for id. only) President

CITY Brick

STATE NJ

ZIP 08724

NAME Larry Duncan

UNION/ORGANIZATION Labor Beat co-producer*

TITLE *for organizational purposes only

CITY Chicago

STATE IL

ZIP 60625

NAME Bill Leumer

UNION/ORGANIZATION IAM Local 565

TITLE (for id. only) Former President

CITY San Francisco

STATE California.

ZIP 94134

NAME Marlana Santoyo

UNION/ORGANIZATION Philadelphia Federation of teachers

TITLE (for id. only) active member

CITY Philadelphia

STATE Pennsylvania

ZIP 19119

NAME Carole Seligman

UNION/ORGANIZATION Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal

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NAME Dr. Suzanne Ross

UNION/ORGANIZATION International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal

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CITY New York

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UNION/ORGANIZATION SEIU721

TITLE (for id. Only) ADA Coordinator

CITY Riverside

STATE CA

ZIP 92507

NAME Bradley Wiedmaier

UNION/ORGANIZATION Service Employees International Union - United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW)

TITLE (for id. only) Executive Board Member

CITY San Francisco

STATE California, USA

ZIP 94102

NAME Timothy Stinson

UNION/ORGANIZATION Socialist Organizer

TITLE (for id. only)

CITY Albany

STATE OR

ZIP 97321

NAME Michael Carano

UNION/ORGANIZATION Teamsters, Local 348, retired

TITLE (for id. only)

CITY Tallmadge

STATE Ohio

ZIP 44278

NAME Millie Phillips

UNION/ORGANIZATION Socialist Organizer

TITLE (for id. only)

CITY Oakland

STATE CA

ZIP 94609

NAME Nadine Dumser

UNION/ORGANIZATION

TITLE (for id. only) Labor rights activist

CITY Northport

STATE NY

ZIP 11768

NAME Hal Sutton

UNION/ORGANIZATION Labor activist

TITLE (for id. only)

CITY Rockton

STATE IL

ZIP 61072

NAME Norma J F Harrison

UNION/ORGANIZATION Peace and Freedom Party

TITLE State and County Central Committees Member

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NAME Schuyler Kempton

UNION/ORGANIZATION Anti-Oppression Forum (untilvictory.wordpress.com)

TITLE Co-founder, member

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UNION/ORGANIZATION SEIU-ULTCW Local 6434

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STATE California

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NAME Chris Kaihatsu

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