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October 5, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr. President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

#### Dear President Biden:

We are writing to respectfully express our support for efforts to obtain the release of Mr. Eyvin Hernandez, who was detained by authorities in Venezuela on March 31, 2022. Our Board approved a motion on October 4, 2022, to seek your assistance in urgently investigating this matter and doing all that is necessary to ensure the well-being of Mr. Hernandez.

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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris Vice President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Harris,

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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken Secretary U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

### Dear Secretary Blinken:

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The Honorable Nanette Barragán U.S. House of Representatives 2246 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

### Dear Representative Barragán:

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The Honorable Karen Bass U.S. House of Representatives 2021 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Bass:

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The Honorable Julia Brownley U.S. House of Representatives 2262 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Brownley:

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The Honorable Tony Cárdenas U.S. House of Representatives 2438 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Cardenas:

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The Honorable Judy Chu U.S. House of Representatives 2423 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Chu:

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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal U.S. House of Representatives 108 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Lowenthal:

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The Honorable Alex Padilla United States Senate SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

#### Dear Senator Padilla:

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

#### Dear Senator Feinstein:

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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez U.S. House of Representatives 1530 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Gomez:

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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano U.S. House of Representatives 1610 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Napolitano:

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The Honorable Linda Sánchez U.S. House of Representatives 2329 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

### Dear Representative Sánchez:

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy U.S. House of Representatives 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Minority Leader McCarthy:

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy October 5, 2022 Page 2

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October 5, 2022

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard U.S. House of Representatives 2083 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

### Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard October 5, 2022 Page 2

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The Honorable Mike Garcia U.S. House of Representatives 1535 Longworth House Office building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Garcia:

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The Honorable Ted Lieu U.S. House of Representatives 403 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

### Dear Representative Lieu:

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The Honorable Young Kim U.S. House of Representatives 1306 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Kim:

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The Honorable Adam Schiff U.S. House of Representatives 2309 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Schiff:

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The Honorable Brad Sherman U.S. House of Representatives 2181 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

### Dear Representative Sherman:

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The Honorable Norma Torres U.S. House of Representatives 2227 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Torres:

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The Honorable Maxine Waters U.S. House of Representatives 2221 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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