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July 3, 2014

Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Oscar López Rivera, 87651-024  
FCI Terre Haute

Dear President Obama,

I write to urge you to commute the sentence of Oscar López Rivera, to immediately release him from prison, where he has spent the last 33 years of his life for his commitment to the independence of Puerto Rico.

Mr. López is deserving of commutation for many reasons: his 70 year sentence is disproportionate: he was not convicted of harming or killing anyone; at 71 years old, he has spent almost half his life in prison; his co-defendants, released long ago, are productive, law-abiding citizens; he is a decorated Vietnam veteran.

Broad support for his release continues to grow, and includes labor (SEIU, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, LACLA); churches and religious leaders; leaders of the civic, academic and artistic community, in Puerto Rico, the U.S. and internationally. His case is widely seen as one of humanitarian concern.

His integration into civil society promises to be seamless, as vast economic, social and family support await him.

Presidents Truman, Carter and Clinton commuted the sentences of men and women in prison for their commitment to the independence of Puerto Rico. I am glad to join the chorus of voices asking you to follow their precedent, and grant the immediate release of Mr. López Rivera.

Yours truly,

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Querido Presidente Obama,

Escribo para instarle a que commute la pena de Oscar López Rivera, que sea liberado de inmediato de la cárcel después de haber cumplido 33 años por su compromiso con la independencia de Puerto Rico.

El Sr. López merece la commutación por varias razones: su sentencia de 70 años es desproporcionada: no fue convicto por herir o haber asesinado a alguien; a la edad de 71 años, ha pasado casi la mitad de su vida en prisión; sus coacusados, hace mucho liberados, son ciudadanos productivos que cumplen con la ley; Oscar es veterano de Vietnam condecorado.

El extenso apoyo por su excarcelación sigue creciendo e incluye el sector laboral (SEIU, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, LACLA); iglesias y líderes religiosos; líderes civiles, y la comunidad académica y artística de Puerto Rico, de Estados Unidos y a nivel internacional. Su caso es ampliamente considerado como un problema de derechos humanos.

Su reintegración a la sociedad promete ser perfecta ya que le espera vasto apoyo económico, social y familiar.

Los presidentes Truman, Carter y Clinton conmutaron las condenas de hombres y mujeres en la cárcel por su compromiso con la independencia de Puerto Rico. Estoy contento de unirme al coro de voces que le piden que siga su precedente y que libere al señor López Rivera de inmediato.

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