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Ms. D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City Hall
1795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for forwarding me the resolution of the Cambridge City Council concerning the case of Lori Berenson. I applaud the action taken by the City Council, and request that you inform the Council members that we are in full agreement.

As the City Council is obviously aware, Ms. Berenson's trial was conducted by a hooded military court without any semblance of due process. This was, among other things, in direct violation of Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which was ratified by Peru on April 28, 1978, and which requires that she receive a fair public trial by a competent, independent, and impartial tribunal.

Whether or not Ms. Berenson is actually guilty of the crimes she was charged with, the "trial" that resulted in her harsh imprisonment was a travesty, and I have joined the U.S. State Department and a number of Congressional colleagues in demanding that she receive a retrial in a proper proceeding.

As you may know, I was recently selected to join the House International Relations Committee, including a position on the subcommittee which handles human rights. I am hopeful that this new assignment will allow me to play an even more aggressive role in pressing for a review of Ms. Berenson's case.

Again, thank you for sharing this resolution with me. Please feel free to stay in touch.

Sincerely,



William D. Delahunt

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Consent Communication #39

A communication was received from William D. Delahunt, House of Representatives, acknowledging receipt of the resolution concerning the case of Lori Berenson.

In City Council February 22, 1999

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