

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2108

February 3, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We hope that you will use the opportunity of Peruvian President Fujimori's visit to the United States next week to once again remind him of our continuing concern over Lori Berenson.

Ms. Berenson has been imprisoned for over three years and has yet to receive due process of the law. As you well know, Ms. Berenson was convicted by a hooded judge in a military court; she was not permitted to converse with her lawyer, nor was she able to confront her accusers and the evidence they presented against her.

Furthermore, Ms. Berenson has suffered cruel and inhumane treatment while serving her life sentence. At Yanamayo prison, she endured exposure to sub-zero temperatures and malnourishment. In order to combat her ailing physical health, Ms. Berenson was moved to a prison at a lower altitude this past November, but the Peruvian government has placed her in solitary confinement. Amnesty International has issued an urgent appeal on her behalf. While she is recovering physically, solitary confinement has consequently placed her mental health in jeopardy.

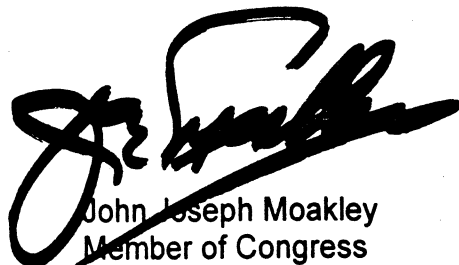
Mr. President, we ask that you insist the Peruvian government make a concerted effort to improve Lori's prison conditions. We further ask that you convey to President Fujimori that continued imprisonment of Lori Berenson without a fair and open trial will not be tolerated.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress



John Joseph Moakley
Member of Congress

Cc: Samuel Berger, National Security Adviser
Madeline Albright, Secretary of State
Edgar Embrey, Foreign Service Officer

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 30, 1999

Ms. D. Margaret Drury
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

I appreciate your forwarding me a copy of Cambridge City Council's resolution supporting Amnesty International's urgent action alert for Lori Berenson.

You will be pleased to know that I and fellow Massachusetts Congressman Joe Moakley, have recently sent a letter to President Clinton asking him to urge President Fujimori to improve Lori's prison conditions and to grant her a fair and open trial. I have enclosed a copy of this letter for the Council's review.

Again, thank you for contacting me on this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

Consent Communication #2 *266 5*

A communication was received from Michael Capuano, United States Congress, transmitting a letter sent to President Clinton requesting that Peruvian President Fujimori, during his visit to the United States, be urged to improve Lori Berenson's conditions and to grant her a fair and open trial.

In City Council April 12, 1999

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