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Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council:

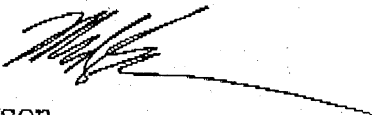
On behalf of our daughter Lori, we wish to thank the Members of the Cambridge City Council for supporting a Resolution joining the entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation and fifty-two United States Senators in calling on Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright to do all within her power to impress upon the Peruvian government the importance of providing Lori with an open and fair trial in a civilian court without further delay. We would especially like to thank Councilor Triantifillou and Vice Mayor Born for their assistance in drafting the Resolution and to Councilor Duehay for joining in cosponsoring it.

For more than two years, Lori has been wrongfully incarcerated in an Andean refrigerator, deprived of liberty and denied justice. As Lori has stated, "I was condemned to this life sentence by a faceless military tribunal after a summary trial in which I never had the right to a defense." "I was obligated to accept my sentence at the point of a gun." "I am innocent of the preposterous charges that have been made in my case."

Two years of wrongful incarceration without due process and without justice is too much. Since the Cambridge and Boston area is the cradle of American democracy, this action on the part of the City Council seems so appropriate. We are truly grateful, and we know Lori will be also, to the City Council of Cambridge and to the good people of the community for its support.

With deep appreciation,





Rhoda and Mark Berenson

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Communication was received from Rhoda and Mark Berenson, transmitting thanks to the City Council on behalf of their daughter, Lori, who has been wrongfully incarcerated for two years in a prison in Peru.

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