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February 1st, 2018

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Minister of Foreign Affairs
House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister,

I would like to inform you of a situation in the riding of Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte, where members of the community are requesting support in the immediate release of Edwin Robelo Espinal.

Karen Spring (a Canadian citizen), the daughter of John and Janet Spring is the co-ordinator of Rights Action of Honduras Solidarity Movement. Karen and her husband (Edwin Espinal, an Honduran national) were in Honduras to demonstrate against the current government and President Juan Orlando Hernández.

Edwin Espinal was arrested, imprisoned in La Tolva Prison and his case has been brought forward as a hearing at a military tribunal. Karen Spring is currently free and unharmed, but her family is worried for her safety.

Canada shouldn't condone a government that permits such inexcusable violations, and I believe that you should be reconsidering the foreign aid Canada sends to Honduras.

I am calling on you to uphold your government's promises and call on the Honduras government to release Edwin Espinal as well as all others who have been wrongfully detained.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mr. Juan Orlando Hernandez,
President of Honduras
Centro Cívico Gubernamental
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Honduras

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to demand the immediate release of Edwin Robelo Espinal from his wrongful imprisonment.

In detaining Mr. Espinal you have taken a stance in direct opposition to Canadian values.

Canada can't condone your failure in upholding the basic principles of freedom and justice.

As of last year, Canada provided \$36 million to your country in total international assistance. If your government refuses to release Mr. Espinal, I will have no choice but to work to bring an end to any future monetary contributions that Canada provides your country.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Nuttall'.

Alex Nuttall, MP

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Cc: Sofia Cerrato, Honduran Ambassador to Canada