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Dear ***Friend and Allies of Senator Leila M. De Lima:***

Good day. I hope this finds you well. My name is **Solita Collas-Monsod** and I am reaching out on behalf of the Committee for Freedom of Leila M. de Lima ("Committee") of which I am a founding member. Your contact details were given to me by Mr. Phillip Sawali, the chief of staff of Senator de Lima.

To mark the **1,000th day of unjust detention of Senator de Lima on 20 November 2019**, we are gathering support from local, regional and international parliamentarians (MPs), notable human rights defenders (HRDs), and known political prisoners (PPs), like yourself, for a joint indignation statement calling for the immediate release of the Senator and the dropping of the cases against her, which are trumped-up and politically motivated. Your voice can definitely motivate others to push for Senator de Lima's freedom and to call for justice for many other victims of gross human rights violations in the Philippines under the current administration.


I am enclosing the statement here, along with a background note on Senator de Lima's case. Aside from participating in the statement, you may also want to issue individual public statements, letters or resolutions. We just request that the content and tenor align with the general message and thrust embodied in the indignation statement and the background note.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have comments, or you need more information.

Kindly let us know at the soonest, or until 05 November, by email to the committee secretariat at secretariat.freedelima@gmail.com, or by sms to 0956 886 8728, if you are willing to be part of this joint indignation statement, with details on how we can forward and retrieve back the statement for your signature.

Many thanks in advance.

Best regards,



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