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June 13, 2007

Dear Sirs:

We, members of the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, are extremely concerned for the safety of **Felix Antonio Caceres Alvarenga**, a lawyer with the human rights organization, Association for a More Just Society (ASJ). He received a death threat on May 17. **Other members of the ASJ** have been the victims of continued surveillance and threats since the killing of ASJ lawyer Dionisio Díaz García on December 4, 2006, about which we wrote you in our letter dated December 23, 2006.

At 3pm on the afternoon of May 17, Felix Antonio Caceres Alvarenga received a death threat in a text message sent to his mobile phone: "It would be best for you to leave [a private security company] alone or you'll end up like Dionisio." Felix Caceres has been working on cases of labor disputes in private security companies.

On December 22, 2006, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) requested that the Honduran government implement precautionary measures to guarantee the safety of ASJ members. We are concerned that these measures have not been fully implemented, leaving ASJ members potentially vulnerable to attack. To date, over five months after his murder, those responsible for the killing of Dionisio Díaz García have still not been brought to justice.

In light of these facts, we strongly urge you to:

- take immediate action to provide effective protection for Felix Caceres and other ASJ members, in accordance with their own wishes and in compliance with the precautionary measures requested by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;
- order a thorough investigation into the threat received by Felix Caceres and bring those responsible to justice;
- recognize the legitimacy of the activities of human rights defenders and their right to carry out their activities without any restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Liberties.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

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 Coordinator

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 U.S. Senators Brown and Voinovich ~ via email
 U.S. Representatives Gillmor, Kaptur, Kucinich, LaTourette, Regula, Ryan, Sutton, Tubbs Jones ~ via email

The following people hereby urge that you take action on this matter as indicated in this letter: