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President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
c/o Ambassador Willy C. Gaa
Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
1600 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20026

Dear President Arroyo:

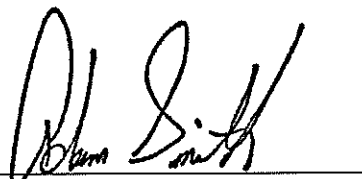
I am respectfully writing you in regards to the incarceration of Representative Crispin Beltran since February 2006. As a Member of the United States House of Representatives, serving on the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees, I am concerned by the allegations that Mr. Beltran is being unfairly detained at the Philippine Heart Center.

As I am sure you are aware, it is widely believed among the international labor and human rights communities that the charges brought against Mr. Crispin Beltran are legally weak and unsubstantiated. It has been alleged that his arrest and detention are politically motivated, a result of the government's opposition to his progressive political beliefs and social activism.

While I understand the Philippine judicial system is currently moving forward on Mr. Beltran's case and will ultimately judge the merits of the charges brought against him, I urge you to free him during this time while he has yet to be convicted of any crime and his health is deteriorating.

Crispin Beltran is renowned for his work on behalf of Philippine workers and the underprivileged. I applaud his contributions to the international labor community and hope that he is given due respect at this time in his life. Please consider allowing him the freedom to be at home with his friends, family and community.

Sincerely,



ADAM SMITH
Member of Congress
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