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July 22, 2010

The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

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The Honourable Vic Toews, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

SUBJECT: Mr. Douglas Gary Joseph Freeman; File# D081200032

Dear Ministers,

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Natercia Coelho who is the spouse of Mr. Gary Freeman. Mr. Freeman applied for at Temporary Resident Permit at the Consulate General in Buffalo and was refused November 13, 2009.

Mr. Freeman pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and has served his sentence and finished his two year probation as of February 2010. He has taken responsibility for his criminal actions that took place in 1969.

Mr. Freeman left his wife and four children in Canada while completing his sentence in the United States. Prior to his departure, he was gainfully employed and without any criminality in Canada.

I am requesting a review of the decision from Program Manager Burke Thornton, who ascertained the Mr. Freeman was a member of the Black Panther Party and therefore engaged in terrorism. It is my understanding the Mr. Freeman has continuously denied the allegations that he was a member of the BPP; furthermore, the Black Panther Party was disbanded over 30 years ago.

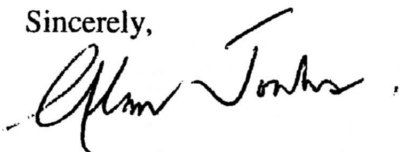
I have included further evidence by Mr. Freeman's counsel to support the fact that Mr. Freeman was not a member of the BPP. The US has not labeled Mr. Freeman as a terrorist and in fact there is a sitting Congressman who is a former BPP founder.

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As Ms. Coelho will not be able to sponsor him due to immigration legislation until 2015, we are requesting a TRP be issued in order to reunite this family. I want to thank you for treating this matter with all the seriousness and compassion it deserves and look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,

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Alan Tonks, M.P.
York South-Weston

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