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The Honourable Vic Toews
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
284 Wellington Street
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Dear Honourable Minister Toews,

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Natercia Coelho, regarding the case of Mr. Gary Freeman. Currently, Mr. Freeman is in jail. With the help of his wife, Ms. Coelho, and many supporters, he is fighting an extradition request by the United States based on an incident that took place in Chicago, Illinois in 1969.

It appears that there is compelling evidence that would justify reviewing his case and denying his extradition to the United States. There are many legitimate questions regarding the availability of credible evidence and witnesses to pursue a fair trial 36 years later.

I am enclosing a letter that I received from Ms. Coelho that describes in detail the concerns there are with this case.

I am a strong believer in our country's history and pride in protecting justice and not defending unfairness. I ask you to seriously review this case and to consider all the evidence presented.

I thank you for your attention regarding this matter and sincerely hope that your department will deal with this issue in the serious manner that it deserves.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar Alghabra".

Omar Alghabra, MP
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