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President Joseph Biden
The White House
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Dear President Biden,

**I am writing to you regarding the situation of Steven Donziger, a US human rights lawyer whose case has garnered international attention and outrage**. Mr. Donziger helped Indigenous and farmer communities in Ecuador win a landmark pollution judgment against Chevron for having deliberately discharged billions of gallons of oil waste over a period of decades onto Indigenous ancestral lands as a cost-saving measure.

Mr. Donziger was arbitrarily detained in New York after an unfair trial and in retaliation for his human rights work. Mr. Donziger spent close to three years in detention at home and in prison even though the maximum sentence under the charge he faced was six months. The detention followed a long-running smear campaign against Steven Donziger and other human rights defenders by Chevron to delegitimize their work.

Granting a pardon to Mr. Donziger would rectify the human rights violations in the case of Mr. Donziger, demonstrating that corporations cannot continue misusing the US judicial system to target and harass human rights activists, particularly amid the global climate crisis.

**Before you leave office on 20 January, I urge you to pardon Mr. Donziger's 2022 Class B federal misdemean or conviction and ensure that he can continue his work defending human rights without fear of reprisals.**

Yours sincerely,

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