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RUSSISCHE FÖDERATION

Place, date

Please release Artyom Kamardin immediately and unconditionally!

Dear Mr Gostev

I am writing to you to express my deep concern about the health and well-being of poet **Artyom Kamardin**, sentenced to seven years imprisonment on trumped-up charges for a public reading of one of his poems. Artyom was subjected to harassment and ill-treatment while in pre-trial detention in Moscow. According to information received by his family, the penal authorities threatened that he would be further tortured and ill-treated at the penal colony.

In early December, Artyom Kamardin was transferred to Penal Colony 2 in Pokrov, Vladimir Region, Russia. During the transfer to the colony, his back and head pain worsened. Also, Penal Colony 2 in Pokrov is known for not delivering letters to prisoners. Meetings between prisoners and lawyers and relatives take place only in the presence of prison staff, which completely eliminates the privacy of communication.

There are concerns he may face torture or other ill-treatment at the penal colony. I am also deeply concerned about the impact on Artyom Kamardin's health. For months, he has suffered from severe back pain, headaches, nausea, dizziness, and tinnitus, yet he has received no proper medical examination or treatment during his pre-trial detention. Artyom urgently requires a medical examination and appropriate care.

I urge you to ensure that Artyom Kamardin is not subjected to harassment, torture, or other ill-treatment while serving his sentence at the penal colony. Additionally, I call on you to guarantee he receives the necessary healthcare he requires and is transferred to a civilian hospital for a proper medical examination and treatment. Lastly, I request that he is allowed to maintain contact with his family at the colony.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

First Name, Surname

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