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Good Morning, to all staff and members of Congress and professionals in the workforce of America who believe in Justice and fairness for all Americans. My name is Lamont Banks, Executive Director of A Just Cause Advocacy Organization.

For the last several years we have talked about a huge miscarriage of Justice that happened to five IT professionals who sought out to protect the United States from dangers seen and unseen, through software developed with hard work and tears. We have made our way to Washington DC over fifty times seeking for justice and the release of these men who have now been wrongfully incarcerated going on their seventh year in July.

I ask you to read the following letter from one of the IRP 5 who also pleads for justice, following the death of our sister suddenly taken from a massive brain clot at the age of 56 years old, who felt the pressure of injustice which ultimately took her life. Please review this letter and Plea for Justice from one of the IRP5 David Banks.

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

Why doesn't the IRP6 matter? Why don't we matter? I see members of Democrat majority and committee chairman aggressively pursue information concerning President Trump's alleged campaign finance violation which is a misdemeanor. I see hearings immediately scheduled for Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen and others, many who pled guilty to federal crimes. Following Cohen's testimony congressional committees released a flood of letters to 81 people tied to Trump's campaign, his business and foundation based on a few documents Mr. Cohen said substantiated his allegations. Me and my codefendants are innocent and have been wrongly imprisoned for nearly 7 years. A Just Cause has provided irrefutable proof in dozens upon dozens of court documents proving we are victims of prosecutorial and judicial abuses of power, numerous constitutional violations and egregious misconduct.

Not only that, but our claims and our innocence have been confirmed by a highly-respected former federal appeals judge, the Honorable H. Lee Sarokin (Retired, 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals). Oh, how I thank God for the honor, integrity and compassion of Judge Sarokin! I am certain every member of Congress will agree Judge Sarokin is not some naive lout or novice in the law. How can the U.S. Congress pay homage to the testimony of convicted felon Michael Cohen and disregard a federal judge confirmed twice by the U.S. Senate?

Judge Sarokin told the Washington Post about our injustice, wrote about it on his Huffington Post blog, sent letters to Senator Corey Booker, the DOJ and to President Obama asking for clemency, all of which have been shared with members of Congress and the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform and Finance. Where is the righteous and constitutional indignation for our injustice?

Everybody touts 'see something, say something.' Judge Sarokin saw something and said something but why isn't anyone listening? Hundreds of hours of investigation and interviews have been spent on the words of Michael Cohen while the evidence of government abuse confirmed by Judge Sarokin receives little to no attention. Why don't our black lives matter? Why is our freedom not important? What about the horrible pain and suffering of our families? Why does it seem that everyone is passive and slow to act on our behalf? We've seen so many instances of Congressmen rightfully decrying the wrongful imprisonment of Americans abroad but what about us! Are prosecutors and judges above the law? They didn't pull out a gun and shoot us, but they used the law in an irresponsible, malicious way to take our freedom and put so much stress on my precious sister Lawanna that she died from a massive stroke. I am heartbroken about Lawanna's death. Why doesn't anyone care about what the government did to her?

In speaking about the nation addressing the issues concerning equality for poor and black people, Martin Luther King Jr. said that "nothing will be done until people of goodwill put their bodies and souls in motion." I know we aren't rich and don't provide any political capital, but our lives should matter to you. I entreat with you and your humanity and as people of goodwill to please unite and put your bodies and soul into motion on behalf of justice for us and our families.

Signed David A. Banks (IRP5)

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