To: Mrs. María Consuelo Porras Argueta

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Dear Mrs. Consuelo Porras Argueta,

I am writing to express my concern over the conviction and continued detention of 68-years-old journalist **José Rubén Zamora**. He had been under house arrest for four months when on March 4, 2025 an appeals court partially annulled the process and overturned the house arrest decision. **Zamora** was unjustly detained between July 2022 and October 2024 for more than 800 days as a result of two unfounded criminal proceedings brought against him. In June 2023 he was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison for trumped-up charges.

I urge you to drop all the charges against **Zamora** and ensure his immediate release as he is detained solely for his journalistic work investigating and denouncing corruption.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,