

Asunto: Carta de exigencia

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Lic. Luis María Aguilar Morales,
Presidente de la Suprema Corte de Justicia, México

We, the members of the Los Rios College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2279, men and women of various nationalities, all of us being teachers, have observed with consternation the campaign to undermine the reputation and the brutal repression of the teachers of Mexico by the federal government. We believe that these authorities should begin a dialogue that recognizes the just demands of the teachers' movement and not use force as a solution to this or any other conflict, especially in a country marked by violence and impunity.

Therefore, we demand:

1. The immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, as well as the cancellation of all arrest warrants resulting from this conflict.
2. The initiation of an earnest national dialogue between the federal government and representatives of the National Coordinating Committee of Education Workers (CNTE), the legitimate representative of the teachers' movement that has rejected, with dignity, the call for education reform from the federal government.
3. A cessation of the repression and persecution of the teachers' movement and the thousands of people who have come out to demonstrate against the call for education reform. The federal government's denial of the right to protest is without a doubt the principle sign of an authoritarian state.

Finally, we use this communication to send greetings of brotherhood and solidarity with teachers who have mobilized their families and all of civil society, who, in different parts of Mexico, today defend their right to a free public education and dignified employment.

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