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Honorable Nancy Kassebaum, Chair  
Subcommittee on Africa  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

The House of Representatives has unanimously approved House Resolution 430, a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the government of South Africa immediately release Nelson and Winnie Mandela from their more than twenty year imprisonment and detention for their opposition to the brutal policy of apartheid. House Resolution 430, the "Mandela Freedom Resolution", passed the House, under suspension of the rules, on September 18, 1984.

I understand that an identical bill, Senate Resolution 386, introduced last Spring by Senator Carl Levin of Michigan and co-sponsored by Senators Tsongas, Boschwitz, Hatfield, Sarbanes and Dixon, has been referred to your Subcommittee on Africa.

House Resolution 430, the "Mandela Freedom Resolution", had the bipartisan support of more than 180 Representatives as co-sponsors. I am confident that Senate Resolution 386 will enjoy similar bipartisan support in the Senate and will be recognized as an historic statement of solidarity with the people of South Africa.

I hope that Senate Resolution 386 will receive expeditious and favorable consideration by the Subcommittee on Africa in the immediate future and that you will facilitate prompt passage of Senate Resolution 386 in the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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