To:
Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, United States

I join with people of conscience in the United States and throughout the world to urge you to instruct the federal attorney to file a motion recommending compassionate release for Lynne Stewart.

As you are aware, Lynne Stewart is dying of cancer at the Federal Medical Center, Carswell, Texas with a prognosis that gives her less than 16 months to live. Warden Jody R. Upton has forwarded Lynne Stewart's new application for compassionate release for your consideration with the appropriate medical and probation department documentation.

As delineated in the Federal Bureau of Prisons program statement of August 12, 2013 and as expressed by Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. in his remarks of the same day before the American Bar Association meeting in San Francisco, CA., Lynne Stewart meets all the Federal Bureau of Prisons guidelines for compassionate release for terminal medical conditions.

Lynne Stewart devoted her entire professional life to the poor and the oppressed. She worked tirelessly on behalf of impoverished youth as a school librarian in Harlem, New York. Then, as an attorney for over 30 years, she was unwavering as a selfless advocate for her clients.

I, along with people from all walks of life, as well as legal organizations in the United States and internationally, have been moved by the prospect that Lynne Stewart will either perish in prison, or so shortly after release will be on the verge of death that she will be denied the comfort and joy of being with family and those closest to her, including her husband, many children, grandchildren, a great grandchild and lifelong friends.

It is with the knowledge that every moment counts that I appeal to you as Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to act expeditiously to instruct the federal attorney to file the motion with Judge John G. Koeltl of the Southern District of New York with your recommendation for compassionate release for Lynne Stewart.

Sincerely,

Name	**E-mail**	**Zip code**