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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Lynne Irene Stewart, #53504-054

Dear Attorney General Holder:

The National Lawyers Guild - New York City Chapter is writing to support "Compassionate Release" for Ms. Lynne Irene Stewart, #53504-054, who is currently serving a ten year sentence at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Stewart has Stage Four breast cancer. The cancer has now spread to her lymph nodes, shoulder, bones and lungs. Her most recent prognosis is that she now has less than eighteen months to live.

Ms. Stewart's daughter, who is a physician, has publicly stated, "Under the best circumstances, Lynne would be in a battle of the most serious consequences with dangerous odds. With cancer and cancer treatment, the complications can be as debilitating and as dangerous as the cancer itself."

Ms. Stewart has been a long-term member of the NLG-NYC Chapter and is a cherished friend and colleague to many of us. Our chapter cares deeply for Ms. Stewart and is very concerned about the desperate state of her health. Ms. Stewart simply wants to return home to her family so she can be cared for by them in the final days of her life.

Under 18 USC §3582 (c) (1) (A) (i), a sentencing court, on motion of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, may reduce the term of imprisonment of an inmate sentenced under the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984. Lynne Stewart's case satisfies each of the statute's requirements. She has a terminal disease, she has a viable release plan and she is not a threat to the safety of the community. Her application for release has been supported not only by her family, friend, and colleagues, but also by Warden Jody Upton at FMC Carswell.

The NLG-NYC strongly urges your office to instruct the Bureau of Prisons to reconsider its June 24, 2013 denial of Ms. Stewart's request for compassionate release and to file this motion without any further delay.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Garrett Wright, President
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