



May 29, 2015

Subject: **Freedom for Nestora**

Brothers and Sisters:

On behalf of the 400,000 rank-and-file union members affiliated with the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, we urge the immediate release of Nestora Salgado from the Mexican prison in which she is being held as a political prisoner without being convicted of any crime.

Nestora is a champion for the people. Her work as a policewoman to secure a safe community through a legally sanctioned and democratically elected community police force should be recognized as a courageous act, not punished through continued detainment. Her continued imprisonment is a grave injustice.

In the Labor Movement, we believe in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King – “an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” We work every day to uphold and protect human and civil rights, to make our communities strong and safe. We have a moral responsibility to speak out for her release and will continue to do so until she is free.

We appeal to all leaders, in the United States, and our Sisters and Brothers in Mexico, who work for justice and righteousness, to intervene and secure Ms. Salgado's immediate and safe release.

In solidarity,

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