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**The Governor
Mr. Tom Wolf
Pennsylvania**

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Dear Governor Wolf

We are writing to you on behalf of 360 000 metalworkers organized under the banner of Numsa on the treatment Mr. Mumia Abu-Jamal is receiving from your prison authorities and the refusal by you to give him proper treatment for the condition he is suffering from. This denial is a brutal attack on his health and his fundamental rights to care. The refusal of health-care reminds us of the conditions we were put in under Apartheid prisons where sick detainees were allowed to die in very deplorable lonely conditions in solitary as part of the punishment for their role in the struggle.

We are reliably informed that he and other 700 000 prisoners are suffering from Hepatitis C which can lead to death through liver failure. This is very serious and we believe no price should be put on human life.


In this situation we have no alternative but to join other organizations and peace loving people worldwide to demand the following:

- That Mr. Mumia Abu-Jamal and other infected prisoners receive proper medical care, including free treatment with harvoni.
- We demand Mr. Mumia Abu-Jamal's immediate release from prison as we believe his incarceration was for his political beliefs.

We will greatly appreciate your response to our demands.

Yours faithfully

signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Irvin Jim', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Irvin Jim

General Secretary

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