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Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County 1220 Criminal Justice Center
Attn: Judge Lucretia Clemons
1301 Filbert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Honorable Judge Clemons,

On behalf of the 6,200 educators of the United Educators of San Francisco, I urge the immediate release of Mumia Abu Jamal. Over 40 years ago, Mumia Abu Jamal was targeted for reporting on the repression against Black America and police brutality. To this day, extreme state violence against Black communities remains a tragedy that cannot be dismissed and should be stopped. Releasing Mumia Abu-Jamal would contribute to a much-needed national reckoning over systemic racism, the over policing of Black communities, and how we heal from these harms. We believe that the responsibility for dismantling the school to prison pipeline and ending the mass incarceration of Black Americans belongs to all of us. United Educators of San Francisco stands firmly in affirming that Black Lives Matter, and to this end we use our collective voice to advocate for justice and demand the immediate release of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Mumia Abu-Jamal should not be incarcerated. He should be free. The tragic murders of Tyre Nichols and Anthony Lowe, who was killed within days after Tyre, are tragic reminders that we must double down our efforts to change our criminal justice system, right historical wrongs, and bring justice. Granting Mumia Abu-Jamal the opportunity to have a fair hearing is not only the right thing, but also a necessary step in that direction.

Sincerely,

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