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The Honorable Gershwin A. Drain Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse 231 W. Lafayette Blvd, Room 123 Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Rasmea Odeh

Dear Judge Drain:

I have been quite attentive to the case of Ms. Odeh. I have had the pleasure of knowing her for several years. Every time I see her, I am so impressed by what a warm, loving and kind person she is.

I know that she has worked very hard here in Chicago to improve the lives and conditions of Palestinian women. Her work has made a difference in the lives of Palestinian women in Chicago.

I think it's very significant that Israel, knowing the facts of her case, released her. It's significant because that was recognition that she posed no threat to the state of Israel and an acknowledgment that she had served her time. It is punitive and mean-spirited for the U.S. Attorney to now try to incarcerate her again. She has suffered enough.

Based on the above, I request that you grant her probation and not force her to spend more time in $\mbox{\it jail}.$

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Melinda Power

