

**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS**

**1325 S. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605**

26 January 2015

Judge Gershwin Drain  
U.S. Courthouse  
231 W. Lafayette Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: RASMEA ODEH

Dear Judge Drain,

Rasmea Odeh's release on bail was a very positive step. And of course she has complied fully and faithfully with conditions.

Now I want to urge leniency in sentencing. Rasmea is such an admired figure in Chicago, and has done so much for immigrant women and others in need, that her public record of service seems heavily to outweigh the relatively technical offenses for which she has been convicted.

We also believe that there are unaddressed issues of free expression and selective prosecution in the case that could be taken into account at this stage.

Given her health status and admirable struggle to make the world a better place, we hope she could be considered to have served already any incarceration time warranted.

Sincerely,

Robert Clarke  
President

