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Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
**Chairman, Sub-Committee on Africa – Committee on Foreign Affairs**  
**Co-Chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission**  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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We intend to highlight these abuses and encourage the U.S. to use its long-standing relations with Liberia to make the necessary corrections and return Liberia to a constitutional democracy under the rule of Law.

The leadership and dedication of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission in upholding human rights globally inspire our confidence in your ability to address these pressing issues. We are optimistic that with your support, the U.S can reaffirm its commitment to democratic principles and human dignity in Liberia.

Thanks for your time and attention. Please contact us as stated below should you require more information or wish to discuss the matter in more detail.

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