

President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500, USA

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Dear President Biden,

I am writing to you regarding the situation of Steven Donziger, a US human rights lawyer whose case has garnered international attention and outrage. Donziger helped communities in Ecuador win a landmark pollution judgment against Chevron for having deliberately discharged oil waste onto Indigenous ancestral lands as a cost-saving measure.

Donziger was arbitrarily detained in the US after an unfair trial and in retaliation for his human rights work. He spent close to three years in detention at home and in prison even though the maximum sentence under the charge he faced was six months. His detention followed a long-running smear campaign by Chevron to delegitimize Donziger's work.

I urge you to pardon Steven Donziger's 2022 Class B federal misdemeanor conviction and ensure that he can continue his work defending human rights without fear of reprisals.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,