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Dear Mrs. Consuelo Porras Argueta,

I am writing to express my concern about the conviction and continued detention of 68-year-old journalist José Rubén Zamora. He had been under house arrest for four months when on March 4, 2025 an appeals court partially annulled the process and overturned the house arrest decision. Zamora was unjustly detained between July 2022 and October 2024 for more than 800 days as a result of two unfounded criminal proceedings brought against him. In June 2023 he was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison for trumped-up charges.

I urgently request you to drop all the charges against Zamora and ensure his immediate release as he is detained solely for his journalistic work investigating and denouncing corruption.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,