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Letter in support of the people of Oaxaca

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As fellow media makers and artists, we are writing to honor the memory of independent journalist, filmmaker, and respected activist Brad Will, who was brutally murdered while filming the grassroots popular movement in Oaxaca, Mexico.

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Along with Brad, six other people were killed this past week by officials of the illegitimate government of Ulises Ruiz and the federal forces that are now occupying Oaxaca. Among them were: Emilio Alonso Fabián (professor), José Alberto López Bernal (nurse), Fidel Sánchez García (construction worker) and Esteban Zurita López.

We are extremely alarmed to see that rather than cracking down on the violent paramilitaries who have been launching regular attacks on the people of Oaxaca, President Vicente Fox is using these murders as a pretext for escalating violence against the popular grassroots organization of the people of Oaxaca.

In solidarity with the people of Oaxaca, we add our voices to these demands:

Ulises Ruiz out of Oaxaca!

Immediate withdrawal of the occupying federal forces from Oaxaca!

Immediate and unconditional freedom for all detainees!

Justice for all murdered compañeros and punishment of guilty parties on all levels!

We make these demands in support of the Oaxacan people's efforts to establish a popular government that recognizes local traditions and values.

JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRACY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OAXACA!

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