

Directions:

1. *Select one or two sentences from each (or most) of the following groups.*
2. *Don't hesitate to edit or combine sentences to suit your personal style.*
3. *Being firm and stern are fine; just make sure you remain polite and formal/professional in your manner.*
4. *If you are not familiar with Eren Keskin's human rights work, you may read about her in the Eren Keskin Background Sheet*

Date

Abdulhamit Gül, Ministry of Justice
Adalet Bakanlığı
06659 Ankara, TURKEY

Dear Minister,

Paragraph 1

Opening choices:

I wish to appeal to you on behalf of Eren Keskin, who is the subject of my deepest concern.
I write on behalf of Eren Keskin, a Turkish defender of human rights.
I seek your assistance in safeguarding Eren Keskin, a Turkish advocate for human rights.
I write to you out of deep concern for the status of Eren Keskin, a Turkish attorney who defends the vulnerable.

Group 1-a:

Eren Keskin's work in defense of human rights should not be considered criminal.
Eren Keskin should not be punished for doing her job as a human rights lawyer.
International law supports the work of Eren Keskin.
It would be a travesty of justice to punish Eren Keskin for her work as a human-rights lawyer.

Group 1-b:

She must remain free to continue her work
Her convictions must be reversed (or Her convictions should be overturned).
She must not be punished as a result of an unjust conviction and no fines or prison sentences should be assessed.
She should not be required to pay fines or serve time in prison because of unjust convictions.
I urge the Minister of Justice to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Ms. Keskin is not punished in any way.
I wish to see Ms. Keskin living her life free of outstanding fines or threats of future incarceration.
I insist that Ms. Keskin be allowed to move and conduct her business freely and without interference.

Group 1-c:

Eren Keskin should not lose her law license.
Eren Keskin should be allowed to keep her law license.
Eren Keskin should not be threatened with revocation of her license to practice law.
Eren Keskin's livelihood must not be threatened.
Ms. Keskin is not truly free if she cannot earn a living and continue her work as an attorney.
It is of primary importance that she retains her law license.
We look to the Ministry of Justice to protect her right to practice law.

Paragraph 2:

Group 2-a:

I call on you to protect Eren Keskin from arbitrary searches or attacks on her home.
I ask that you guarantee that members of Eren Keskin's family are not threatened or harassed.
I ask you to take action to safeguard Eren Keskin and her family from threats and intimidation.
It is essential that Eren Keskin be secure in her home, her property, and her belongings, including documents, papers, and correspondence.
I write to you in the hope that you will prevent unwarranted invasions and searches of Eren Keskin's home and work spaces.

Group 2-b:

I am concerned that Eren Keskin is subject to harassment in the form of numerous arrests and cases filed against her based on flimsy evidence or questionable interpretations of the law.
I urge you to drop all cases that are no longer relevant due to changes in the law or in circumstances.
I call on you to terminate all legal actions undertaken to intimidate Eren Keskin and prevent her from carrying out her work.
I appeal to you to protect Eren Keskin from all manner of judicial harassment.
She must not be a target for harassment or legal action.

Closing:

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.
I hope to hear from you about this in the near future.
I urge you to act quickly to correct this situation and ask that you inform us of the outcome of your investigation.
Thank you in advance for your time on this important and urgent matter.
I will be following this issue closely.
People across the U.S. and around the world share my concern for Eren Keskin's fate.

Sincerely/Respectfully,

Example: Paragraph 1 of your letter could include up to 4 sentences, an opener, and one sentence from 1a, 1b, 1c if desired.
Paragraph 2 of the letter could include up to 3 sentences; one from 2a, 2b and a closing.

When you are done, please let us know that you wrote a letter by clicking a box [at this link](#).

Sign and print your name. You are welcome to put your return address after your name.
However, if you prefer, listing just your city and country is fine.