Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono Istana Merdeka Jakarta 10110 Indonesia

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our deep concern regarding the status of the investigation of the killing of Munir Said Thalib, one of Indonesia's most prominent human rights lawyers, on board a Netherlands-bound flight on September 7th, 2004. As you know, the investigating Dutch Forensic Institute found that Munir had died as a result of a dose of arsenic poison, and, as of today, nobody has been held accountable for this murder.

As we have noted in our previous, but as of yet unanswered, letter to you dated October 27th, 2005, the murder was greeted with great shock and sadness in the Unites States. We join Indonesia in mourning the loss of a great human being who had dedicated his life to promoting human rights, tolerance, openness, and government accountability in Indonesia. However, two years after his death, we remain seriously concerned that not a single person has been convicted for the despicable murder of Mr. Munir, and that the report of the fact-finding team, which you had appointed, remains classified. The October 3rd, 2006, decision by the Indonesian Supreme Court to overturn the previously upheld conviction of Mr. Pollycarpus Priyanto, the only charged or convicted suspect in this case, raises serious doubts regarding the independence of the judiciary. We call on you to immediately release the fact-finding team report, so that the recommendations it contains can be fully implemented, including the creation of a new commission with broad legal authorities to fully investigate all evidence, no matter where it may lead.

We would like to reiterate our deep gratitude for your personal leadership and commitment to thoroughly investigating the heinous killing of Mr. Munir. Your willingness to meet with his widow, Ms. Suciwati, on November 23rd, 2004, and your public statements not only indicate your compassion and personal commitment to resolving this crime, but were also a clear signal to the Indonesian intelligence apparatus, which is implicated in this crime. When you created the fact-finding team to investigate the murder and appointed respected and independently-minded citizens as its members, you gave the investigation the necessary foundation and credible tools it desperately needed. To release their as of yet unpublished report immediately and to fully implement its recommendations is only the next logical step in continuing the investigation in order

to bring all perpetrators to justice. Otherwise, we are extremely concerned that with the overturn of Mr. Pollycarpus' conviction, this evil crime will stand with impunity.

Again, we call on you to continue your leadership and support for this important investigation, which you have called a "test case for whether Indonesia has changed." A truly democratic Indonesia will recognize that justice cannot bend to influence or political power, but has to impartially follow wherever the evidence leads. Releasing the crucial report and appointing a new, competent and authoritative commission to continue the investigation does not only send a clear signal to the perpetrators, whoever they may be, but clearly strengthens democracy as a whole in Indonesia.

We look forward to hearing from you in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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