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Dear Mrs. President,

I am writing to you on behalf of [insert the name of your trade union / inserter el nombre de su sindicato], an organization affiliated with Public Services International (PSI), which represents more than 20 million workers in 150 countries, including Liberia.

We want to express concerns over the situation of workers in the health sector in Liberia, and more in particular the dismissals of **Joseph S. Tamba** and **George Poe Williams**, President and General Secretary of the National Health Workers Association of Liberia (NAHWAL), respectively.

Health workers in Liberia have been crucial to address the Ebola outbreak crisis in your country but their efforts and the risks they have taken have not been duly recognized. Thousands of volunteer health care workers who have served the nation for years are still working for free. These professional women and men have no job security, social security, pension scheme, medical or death benefits. Joseph and George have been working tirelessly and non-stop for them, before and even after their dismissal, occurred in February 2014.

In addition, there has been a generalized and systematic persecution, discrimination and interference of trade unions and several other attacks that are in violation of ILO Conventions 87 and 98, which Liberia has ratified.

[your union] strongly condemns these attacks on the trade unions of Liberia and urges the government to address this conflict and find a solution, making possible the realization of the right to freedom of association and guaranteeing the protection of all workers and trade unionists in the country. [your union] also demands that **Joseph S. Tamba** and **George Poe Williams** be reinstated in their jobs and that the governments respect and recognized the work they have done for the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

[your union]