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The Honorable Päivi Räsänen, M.D.

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To the Honorable Päivi Räsänen, M.D. and the Reverend Dr. Juhana Pohjola,

In the spirit of Christian solidarity, we write to offer you our support, encouragement, and our prayers during this trying time. Ms. Räsänen and Bishop Pohjola, we have kept you in our prayers over the past months as we watched your cases from the United States — knowing that this challenge you face is not merely legal, but spiritual.

Over the last three years, you have faced targeted legal harassment simply for confessing Christ and expressing your belief in the teachings of the Bible. Sadly, your public confession of the Gospel has culminated in criminal charges and a day in court. While many would have backed down under the pressure, you have carried yourselves with grace and love for your neighbors while directing people toward Christ. For that, you can always hold your heads high.

We understand that the rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion must be vigilantly guarded, lest we lose them. We appreciate your decision to stand up for your fundamental human rights so that no one else would be deprived of those same rights.

As you prepare for final arguments, please know that we stand with you and will keep you in continuous prayer. If there is anything we can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Until then, we hope that you will keep in your hearts the words of the Psalmist: "I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed."

Sincerely,

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