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On behalf of the 140 member stations of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, a national organization based in Oakland, California, in the United States, we are writing to proclaim our steadfast solidarity with the journalists and listeners of Radio Victoria in Cabañas, El Salvador.

Since 1998, several of our members have visited Radio Victoria. A delegation from Radio Victoria also visited WORT in Madison, Wisconsin in 2004 a station that has proudly had a sister-radio station relationship with Radio Victoria since 2005.

Throughout our contacts with Radio Victoria journalists and staff, we have continually found this station to be an excellent community resource and a strong beacon of press freedom. For all of its over 17 years of existence Radio Victoria has opened its doors to community members and encouraged active citizen participation in the life of the communities it serves.

Furthermore, we believe that the community-building functions that Radio Victoria carries out on a local level are a critical daily enactment of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 19, or the "Right to Communication," that reads that all individuals have the right to "receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." Such access to the airwaves and access to community information and news that Radio Victoria provides is fundamental to an open and pluralistic democracy.

We believe that Radio Victoria is a valuable member of the global community radio movement that serves as an example for our own radio stations here in the United States, and others around the world. We are continually inspired by Radio Victoria's courage and bravery in speaking truth to power and serving as voice for the voiceless in your community and country.

The struggle continues. Together we will create a world with more justice, peace and equality.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Maxie C Jackson III', written over a light blue grid background.

Maxie C Jackson III, President and CEO
National Federation of Community Broadcasters