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Dear Dr. Burhanuddin,

**I am writing to express my deep concern over the criminalization of the right to freedom of expression and ongoing harassment and legal threats against Septia Dwi Pertiwi, a former worker in Jakarta who was acquitted of defamation charges on 22 January 2025. The public prosecutor has filed a cassation request to the Supreme Court on 3 February 2025, seeking to overturn her acquittal.**

Septia was prosecuted under Indonesia’s Electronic Information and Transactions (EIT) Law, which has frequently been misused to silence critics. Her case began after she criticized her former employer, PT Hive Five, on social media for allegedly underpaying employees and violating their rights. She was arrested in August 2024 and detained for 25 days. After her release, she was placed under ‘city detention’—a restriction preventing her from leaving the city without permission and requiring regular check-ins with authorities until her trial concluded on 22 January 2025.

The cassation request puts her at continued risk of imprisonment and may threaten other workers who speaks out against injustice. It is a travesty that Septia Dwi Pertiwi is facing this ongoing legal process solely for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression, guaranteed under both international human rights and domestic laws.

**Therefore, I urge you and the authorities to:**

* **Withdraw the cassation request and fully respect the Central Jakarta District Court’s ruling;**
* **Ensure Septia Dwi Pertiwi remains free from further legal harassment;**
* **Ensure that all activists can freely carry out their activities without fear of hindrance, intimidation, arbitrary arrest or other reprisals;**
* **Stop using the Electronic Information and Transactions Law to target activists simply for exercising their right to freedom of expression and ensure that defamation is treated only as a civil matter.**

Yours sincerely,

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