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New England Human Rights Organization
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Sen. John Kerry
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Dear Senator Kerry,

I pray that you receive this message. The New England Human Rights Organization advocates for the rights of all people whose human rights are being abused systematically by institutions put in place to preserve their rights. Since its conception in 2004, New England Human Rights Organization has been advocating for the rights of the people of Haiti, fighting for their rights to live in a democratic society and where their human rights are respected. For this reason, I would like to bring to your attention the situation of Mr Ronald Dauphin. He is a prisoner, who has been jailed since March of 2004 under false accusations. We have reason to believe that his incarceration is politically motivated. Mr. Dauphin's case has not yet been presented before a judge. As he languishes in prison, there is great concern for his health.

Mr Dauphin has since received international attention. Amnesty International has joined Haiti's Comité des Avocats pour le Respect des Libertés Individuelles (CARLI)—the Lawyer's Committee for Individual Rights— and Bureau des Avocats Internationaux - the International Bureau of Lawyers - in demanding his release. Congresswoman Maxine Waters has made the same request. No action has been taken by Haiti's current administration. On September 3, 2009, NEHRO visited Ronald Dauphin in the national penitentiary. He is currently being held in the prison's infirmary. His life is in jeopardy if he doesn't receive much needed medical attention.

The New England Human Rights Organization asks that you, Senator Kerry, intervene by confronting the President of Haiti, Mr Rene Preval with the concerns of your constituency.

In the hopes that this letter will be taken in consideration, we thank you for your prompt action.

Sincerely,

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President
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