

Mr. Michael Bailey
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Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing to urge you to immediately drop the charges against Dr. Scott Warren (case 4:18-cr-00223-RCC-DTF), which appear to constitute a politically motivated violation of his protected rights as a Human Rights Defender.

The volunteer activities of Dr. Warren and his associated organization No More Deaths provide vital humanitarian aid directed at upholding the right to life of migrants, and preventing further deaths of migrants and asylum seekers in the Sonoran Desert.

Human Rights Defenders in humanitarian aid groups, faith-based communities, activist groups, and communities living in towns along the border, have provided assistance to these migrants for many years.

Criminal, civil and administrative laws should not be misused to target and harass human rights defenders working for the rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees, or others whose lives and other human rights are at risk of violation.

States should ensure that human rights defenders and their organizations are able to carry out their work in a safe and enabling environment, free from fear of reprisals.

Criminalizing the act of humanitarian aid and the most basic forms of human kindness, regardless of citizenship status, is an attack on human rights.

I call on you to immediately drop all the charges against Dr. Warren.

Yours sincerely,