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Yevgeny Vitishko

PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO YEVGENII OR SEND HIM A CARD

Yevgeny Vitishko is a prisoner of conscience, punished for exposing environmental damage around the construction of the Sochi Winter Olympics. He has been charged with a string of petty crimes in recent years - from allegedly damaging a fence, to swearing at a bus stop - as local authorities attempt to restrict his movements and clamp down on dissenting views. In February 2014, he was sentenced to three years in prison for apparently damaging a fence. The charges, his conviction and Yevgeny's trial and appeal are all suspect - designed to punish him for speaking out.

We wrote letters and cards on his behalf in July this year and in recent Twitter correspondence between AI Southend and AI Moscow we learnt that:

"@Amnesty_Nikitin: @amnestysouthend Yevgenii is still behind bars and chances for release are slim but what keeps him going - the AI cards he receives"

"@Amnesty_Nikitin: @amnestysouthend Yevgenii counts every card he gets and he's studying Eng reading your cards Please write more, internatnl attention importn"

Please send bright, cheerful cards and, if possible, Google-translate your message or use one of the sample messages below - messages in foreign languages often don't pass the censors.

Sample messages in Russian:

"ДОРОГОЙ ЕВГЕНИЙ! МЫ ДУМАЕМ О ВАС И БОРЕМСЯ ЗА ВАШЕ ОСВОБОЖДЕНИЕ"
("Dear Yevgeniy, we are thinking about you and fighting for your release.")

"ДОРОГОЙ ЕВГЕНИЙ! МЫ С ВАМИ В ЭТО ТРУДНОЕ ВРЕМЯ"
("Dear Yevgeniy, we are with you in this difficult time.")

"ДОРОГОЙ ЕВГЕНИЙ! МЫ ВАС ПОДДЕРЖИВАЕМ И ЖЕЛАЕМ СКОРЕЙШЕГО ОСВОБОЖДЕНИЯ."
("Dear Yevgeniy, we support you and wish you to be released very soon.")

The address to send your messages to:

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