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March 8, 2010

Nancy E. O'Malley, District Attorney  
Alameda County District Attorney's Office  
1225 Fallon St. Suite 900  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. O'Malley,

On Thursday, March 4, 2010, several individuals were arrested on Interstate 980 and charged with obstructing a public place and unlawful assembly.

At least two of the individuals arrested were journalists covering a legitimate news story. I write to respectfully ask that the charges against San Francisco Bay Guardian reporter Jobert Poblete and Daily Californian multimedia producer Cameron Burns be immediately dropped.

These two journalists were not participating in the protests or any illegal activity, but only exercising the Freedom of the Press. Journalists are generally provided greater access to cover news stories than other members of the public. Unfortunately, law enforcement did not provide such leeway in this case.

Considering these facts, I am hopeful that you will promptly conclude that charges against these two journalists should not be pursued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leland Yee".

**SENATOR LELAND Y. YEE, PH.D.**  
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