Letter from Brazil: Freedom and Life for Mumia Abu-Jamal

To the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf
To Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Corrections, John Wetzel
To the District Attorney of Philadelphia, Larry Krasner

We – entities and participants in the trade union, political and popular movements, intellectuals and people committed to democracy and justice – turn to you to appeal for the life of Black activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, who tested positive for Covid-19 and is being treated in a prison infirmary, a situation that is completely inadequate given the state of his health. Mumia’s immediate transfer to a hospital is an urgent matter, where hours count for his survival.

We take this opportunity to join those in the United States who are demanding justice for Mumia and his transfer to a hospital. They also demand that all elderly and vulnerable political prisoners be released before COVID devastates their already precarious lives.

Best regards,

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