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Dear Kader,

As a member of the Southern Africa Committee of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights in Detroit, Michigan, I would like to express my support and appreciation of the work you are doing with respect to the political prisoners in your country. I have learned of your work in trying to negotiate the release of these unjustly held prisoners and of your work towards building a truly democratic government in the New South Africa.

I understand that not only 417 political prisoners remain in S.A.'s jails, but also that Pretoria is making more political prisoners even as it plays the role of "reasonable negotiator." Our committee has reliable information from the Africa Fund office in New York that 854 persons were arrested for political reasons, bringing the year's total to 1,672. The fact that many trials have taken place in which 759 persons were accused, while only 105 were convicted, certainly shows how this imprisoning activity continues as a form of government harassment.

I, along with all the members of our committee and many other citizens of our city, state and country, support your efforts towards the release of political prisoners. Keep on. We here in Detroit are in solidarity with you in this long struggle toward a New South Africa with a Constituent government responsible to the majority of the people.

Sincerely,

Julie Klinker