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The Honorable Mr. Jack Layton, MP.

Leader, New Democratic Party.

Dear Mr. Layton,

We are dismayed and astonished at the vicious attacks being directed at the Hon. Mr. Alex Atamanenko, MP., for his principled stand in support of the Canadian Boat to Gaza [CBG].

The CBG is part of an international campaign, supported by all international human rights groups, like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, to provide humanitarian assistance to the 1.5 million people in Gaza, who are held in an open prison by Israel denying them vital human needs including medical and food supplies. This siege by Israel is illegal and contrary to international law and all humanitarian principles, and has been condemned internationally.

We call on you as the leader of a party that stands for human values to extend your full support to Mr. Atamanenko and this campaign to help the besieged men, women and children in Gaza, who need all the human aid.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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