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The Honorable Päivi Räsänen
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The Reverend Dr. Juhana Pohjola
Bishop
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Dear MP Räsänen and Dr. Pohjola,

Thank you for your unrelenting commitment to challenging the accusations levied against you, which has earned you the admiration of Christians throughout the world who are encountering increasing hostility. From thousands of miles away in the United States of America, I continue to stand with you. You have unwavering support as you continue to defend free speech and religious expression in Finland.

Over the past few years, you have faced endless legal harassment and spiritual attacks for merely upholding the Gospel's teachings. These prosecutions are not only unjust but are direct assaults on sacred fundamental freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and even freedom of thought.

While we remain optimistic about your case establishing a stronger legal precedent, it certainly does not excuse or reverse the grievous and unfounded nature of your initial prosecution.

As you prepare for this newest appeal, please know that millions of Americans stand in solidarity with you. We will continue our faithful prayers for justice and righteousness to prevail and for your family to receive the peace you deserve. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything else my office can do to assist you during this time.

In the meantime, please remember the word of Matthew 5:10: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Sincerely,



Chip Roy
Member of Congress