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Karina Riquelme's safety and freedom should be protected

Dear Director,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we are urging to write you to ensure the safety of **Karina Riquelme** while carrying out her work as a lawyer and defender of Mapuche Indigenous rights.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of intimidation and interference from the police and the Public Prosecutor's Office toward Riquelme during the trial of a Mapuche individual. We are concerned that the interference of these organizations is in conflict with the Supreme Court's ruling (Decision 7641-2016) to prevent such intimidation during the free exercise of legal activities surrounding this case.

We strongly believe that you have a responsibility to investigate these reports and take action to ensure the safety of Riquelme during the trial, with her consent. We urge you to ensure that the police and Public Prosecutor's Office are prevented from interfering with her personal security and freedom to exercise legal activities.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: His Excellency Alejandro Arnaldo Marisio Cugat, CID-Sur