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His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi
King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Saud Street
P.O Box 124
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Your Majesty:

Peace be upon you and your people.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), I appeal to you to overturn the death penalty for Ms. Jennifer Dalquez, an overseas Filipino worker, because of her claim of self-defense after fatally wounding her former employer who attempted to sexually assault her.

Your country's economic growth based on sustainable development is your country's pride. Yet with greatness comes responsibility through measures such as protections for workers from unsafe working environments and harmful employers.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has repeatedly and consistently affirmed its commitment to create communities and nations that are based on sustainable development and justice, amidst the forces of globalization and migration. Such commitment includes strengthened protections for workers to prevent individuals and economies from modern-day slavery.

Based on the policies of our General Assembly, I urge the government of the United Arab Emirates to demonstrate its commitment towards just and sustainable development through overturning the death penalty for Ms. Jennifer Dalquez.

Respectfully yours,

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)