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Your Excellency,

The Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance is writing on behalf of Behrouz Boochani, an Iranian man currently held at the Australian immigration processing centre on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, in support of an application by Mr Boochani for a temporary visa to visit the United Kingdom.

A film co-directed by Mr Boochani, titled *Chauka, Please Tell Us The Time*, has been selected for screening at the London International Film Festival in October.

This is an important and timely film which is a powerful expose on life as an asylum seeker on Manus Island, and which has been screened at several other festivals and has gathered many favourable reviews.

As the union for Australian journalists, writers, actors and film crew workers, the MEAA can vouch that Mr Boochani is a respected journalist. His work from Manus Island has been published in many Australian and international publications, including the *New York Times* and *The Guardian*.

His claim for asylum has been assessed and found to be genuine and MEAA has lobbied the Australian government to allow him to be resettled in Australia.

Your excellency, we believe it would convey a strong gesture in support of human rights to allow Mr Boochani to travel to London, and urge you to use your influence as British High Commissioner to Australia to assist in granting him a temporary visa.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Murphy", is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark that contains the letters "MEAA".

Paul Murphy  
Chief Executive  
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