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Daria Kozyreva

Dear Prosecutor,

Daria Kozyreva was detained on February 24, 2024 for criticizing Russia's censorship laws and for posting a poem by Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko at his monument in St. Petersburg on the second anniversary of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. She was merely exercising her right to freedom of expression, but the public prosecutor's office opened criminal proceedings against Daria Kozyreva for "discrediting the Russian armed forces". She was also expelled from the university. Her trial began in August 2024, but in December the court ordered the prosecutor to review the case.

On February 7, 2025, Daria Kozyreva was released from pre-trial detention under certain conditions. Until a court decision is made, she is not allowed to use the phone or the internet, speak to the media, or leave her apartment in the evenings and at night.

I hereby ask you to drop the charges against Daria Kozyreva and all other individuals who are being prosecuted solely for peacefully expressing their views on the war against Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,