

President
Joe Biden
The White House
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Steven Donziger

Dear Mr President,

I would like to draw your attention to the case of Steven Donziger.

Steven Donziger, a lawyer and environmental rights defender who successfully represented victims of oil dumping in Ecuador by oil company Chevron, was later sued by Chevron in the USA. He refused to comply with a court order to hand over his electronic devices to Chevron, arguing that such a disclosure could violate attorney-client confidentiality and put his clients at risk. He was convicted of contempt of court and was arbitrarily detained for almost three years under house arrest and several months in prison. A pardon by you, Mr President, would restore Donziger's freedom of movement (his passport was confiscated by authorities, so he is unable to leave the US to continue his work on behalf of the people of Ecuador) and possibly protect him from some additional legal issues.

I would therefore like to ask you to pardon Mr. Donziger's 2022 Class B federal misdemeanor conviction and ensure that he can continue his work defending human rights without fear of reprisals.

Yours sincerely,