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Dear President Maduro,

I am very concerned about Emirlendris Benítez, María Auxiliadora and Juan Carlos, all of whom are victims of arbitrary detention for political reasons in Venezuelan detention centers and continue to suffer from the authorities' neglect of their right to health and safety.

Emirlendris Benítez was sentenced to 30 years in prison in a 2022 trial which was politically motivated. Her prison conditions are inhumane and she requires urgent surgery to treat serious health conditions resulting from the grave human rights violations she's suffered since her arrest in August 2018. María Auxiliadora Delgado and Juan Carlos Delgado, who were first arrested in March 2019, require urgent medical tests to assess concerning health conditions that potentially put their lives at risk.

I therefore urge you to grant Emirlendris Benítez, María Auxiliadora and Juan Carlos' immediate and unconditional release and, while in custody, to please ensure they receive adequate medical attention immediately.

Yours sincerely,