FACING 15 YEARS FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST

To: General Prosecutor, Kyrgyz Republic

Rita Karasartova loves yoga, travelling and sewing traditional Kyrgyzstani jackets with her daughter. Now she is under house arrest, having spent months detained in a cramped cell unable to see or speak to her family. Worried about her people's access to water, Rita peacefully opposed a border agreement giving control of a freshwater reservoir to Uzbekistan. She has been charged with attempting to "violently overthrow the government" and faces 15 years' imprisonment.

We call on you to immediately release Rita Karasartova from house arrest, drop all charges against her and ensure that she can carry out human rights activities without fear of retaliation.



Yours sincerely,

Name (please print)	City & Province	Signature

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