



## Rita Karasartova

### ***Facing 15 years for peacefully protesting***

Rita Karasartova loves time with her kids, doing yoga, and sewing chapans. Chapans are the special jackets they wear in Kyrgyzstan.

But her life changed in October 2022. Rita, who helps people fight for their rights, got in trouble for speaking out. She and some others didn't like a new deal that gave control of their water to another country. Water is already hard to get. They were afraid it would get even harder if someone else controlled it. She and her friends peacefully protested the change. They asked the Kyrgyz government to be honest about what they were doing.

Rita was arrested for this. She could not see her family or even go to the doctor if she felt sick. Now, she's under house arrest. She must stay in her house and only leave if she has permission.

Rita fights for human rights and fairness in her country. Her work is very important to her. She gets to help people have a better life.

# Kyrgyzstan

### **Take Action: Free Rita Karasartova**

Write a letter to the General Prosecutor. Ask them to release Rita from house arrest. Tell them to let her keep helping people with their rights.

#### **Write to:**

General Prosecutor  
A. Toktonalieva Street, 139  
Bishkek  
720040  
Kyrgyz Republic

Email: [statement@prokuror.kg](mailto:statement@prokuror.kg)

Salutation: Dear General Prosecutor

Note: *Kyrgyzstan does not have diplomatic representatives in Canada.*

Hashtags: #W4R23 #W4RCanada

### **Keep Rita's hope alive**

Let Rita know she is not alone by sending your messages and drawings of friendship and hope.

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