A Message from Julian Assange's Mother

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Christine Assange: Today, on the back of the UK Government's decision to extradite Julian to the United States, I respectfully make my plea directly to the parties involved, including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and the lead solicitor of Julian's UK legal team, Gareth Peirce. After 11 and a half years in pre-trial detention, and with legal proceedings dragging on with no end in sight, it has become clear to all following that this case is political and requires a diplomatic solution. When people become very invested in winning at all costs the collateral damage is truth, justice and humanity. I implore all sides to take a step back from the heat of the fight for a moment and to reflect. I ask all sides to consider a diplomatic solution. Negotiating an end to conflict is a normal part of civilised existence, within a marriage, the board room, long running legal cases, and disputes between nation states. In the spirit of bringing this to an end, both sides will need to give a little. Julian has been detained long enough to satisfy any needs for revenge from those pursuing prosecution. He has suffered enough to satisfy those wishing to make him a symbol for press freedom. I beseech those who say they really care about Julian to put his needs as a suffering human being first. And I have faith that with goodwill on both sides a resolution can be reached. Thank you for hearing my plea.

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