c/o The District Officer	
	District
Date:	
Dear Sir	

Re: Suspension of the Executive Mayor

I wish to express my support for you as elected mayor of the City of Harare.

I strongly protest your suspension by the Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing.

The Minister claims that he is acting in the interests of the residents and that he has consulted us. I reject both assertions.

The Government refused to hold elections for the post of Mayor and it was our association, Combined Harare Residents Association (CHRA) that compelled the Government to hold the elections.

I appreciate that the Executive Mayor has tried to carry out his duties despite constant interference from the Minister. Council has been denied access to funds for capital projects and attempts to rid the municipality of incompetent employees have been frustrated. Your efforts to engage the public have resulted in not only your arrest but the arrest of residents who sought to bring their issues to your attention.

I call upon the Minister to immediately rescind the order for your suspension and to stop interfering with our democratically elected Council.

Yours in support