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### **Marfa Rabkova**

Dear Prosecutor General,

I am deeply concerned about the criminal prosecution of Marfa Rabkova, a woman human rights defender and coordinator of the Volunteer Service of the Human Rights Center "Viasna".

Marfa Rabkova was detained on 17 September 2020 and was initially charged with 'training and other preparation of people for participation in mass riots', 'incitement of racial, national, religious or other social hatred or discord committed by a group', and 'membership of a criminal organization' and was facing up to 12 years in prison. In late November 2021 she was charged with additional counts, bringing it to a total of 11 and she is now facing up to 20 years in prison.

Marfa Rabkova's health is deteriorating rapidly following months of inadequate medical care since she has been in pretrial detention, including being refused treatment for abdominal pain and aching teeth for nearly one year.

Therefore, I urge you to take all the necessary steps to ensure that Marfa Rabkova is released immediately and all charges against her are dropped. Pending her release, she has to be urgently provided with adequate medical care in accordance with her wishes.

Yours sincerely,