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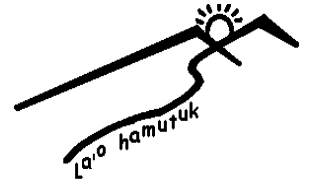
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U.S. Ambassador to Timor-Leste C. Steven McGann
Arne S Bjørnstad, Inspector General, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

re: Case 2:14-mj-07086, United States v. Bobby Boye

Dear Ms. Emehelu,

La'ó Hamutuk is a civil society organization in Timor-Leste (also known as "Country A") which has accompanied developments here relating to the state budget, petroleum revenues, transparency and accountability for more than a decade. As part of our work, we followed the activities of Bobby Boye here during 2010-2012 and met with him many times.

We appreciate the good work of the U.S. Attorney and the FBI in investigating and exposing his alleged crimes against the United States and Timor-Leste, and in bringing him to justice. We would like to encourage you to bring this case to trial, rather than to negotiate a plea bargain which would continue to keep the full extent of his crimes from public view.

As you know, Bobby Boye is charged with violations of United States Law, but these crimes involve conduct which violates the laws of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. His hiring as an advisor (in spite of being manifestly unqualified) may also have violated Norwegian law, since the Norwegian foreign assistance program recruited him to work in Timor-Leste.

We do not yet know if others inside or outside of the Timor-Leste and/or Norwegian governments collaborated in his alleged criminal activity. Although such collaborators may not have violated U.S. law because their crimes took place outside of the United States, we hope that you share our interest, and that of the people of Timor-Leste, in helping bring them to justice. The United States legal system has more integrity, more experience, and more human and material resources than this small, new country. We urge you to use your office, and your commitment to rule of law, to assist Timor-Leste in uncovering the full extent of Bobby Boye's malfeasance, so that action can be taken here

hold perpetrators accountable and to repair the systems and administrative structures that allowed such crimes to occur.

La'o Hamutuk has collected a significant amount of information and documents relevant to the case against Bobby Boye. We have published some on our website at <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/tax/10BackTaxes.htm> and blog at <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2014/06/timor-leste-has-been-robbed.html>, but have not yet published additional information because it is too obscure or pending verification. However, we would like to support you and other judicial authorities in sharing what we have learned.

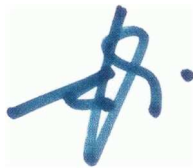
One of our researchers, Charles Scheiner, will be in New York in September, and he could meet with you or others in the FBI or U.S. Attorney's Office to discuss this case. In the meantime, if any of your investigators come to Timor-Leste, we would welcome the opportunity to talk with them. We are also happy to continue discussion by email or telephone.

Thank you very much for your attention to this letter and to this case.

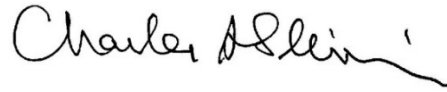
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