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Ms. Sabine Kebir  
Dr. Wilfried F. Schöller  
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Re: Mumia Abu-Jamal, death row, Pennsylvania  
P.E.N. program, April 17, 2008, Brecht-Haus, Berlin

Dear Ms. Kebir and Dr. Schöller:


Please accept my gratitude to the German P.E.N. Center for sponsoring the program at the Bertolt Brecht-Haus, Berlin, on April 17, 2008, regarding my client, Mumia Abu-Jamal. He was deeply moved by your concern. A letter from Mumia to you is enclosed. I was touched that evening as you and other P.E.N. members including Brigitte Burmeister and Lothar Trolle who read from his work, and Walter Kaufmann, realizing that Mumia remains on death row. As described during my speech, he writes from a small, dark prison cell unaided by such modern marvels as a computer or even a good light. That Mumia has written five books while facing execution is a testament to the spirit of imprisoned writers around the world. The human mind and creativity cannot be locked away in a prison cell, as long as people like you of P.E.N. provide incarcerated writers a link to humankind. A little support goes a long way for someone in such dreadful circumstances.

In 2007 the P.E.N. American Center, New York, accepted the application I filed for Mumia. He was in tears when I broke the news that he had been voted into membership. It means so much to be accepted by colleagues. First and foremost, Mumia is a writer and journalist. His burning passion and driving force is what P.E.N. represents—the ongoing struggle for human rights and freedom of expression.

There is an effort by the government to silence Mumia's pen, to still his voice. The authorities know the only way they can accomplish that is to kill him. We must not let that happen. As his lead attorney, I will continue to fight for Mumia's freedom as long as there is a breath in my body.

Enclosed is a letter from Mumia to you. Also, his mailing address is below if anyone who wishes to write him, or they may communicate through me ([RobertRBryan@aol.com](mailto:RobertRBryan@aol.com)) if confidentiality from prison officials is desired. Mumia and I applaud you of P.E.N. for your work. We are also thankful to his German publisher, Jürgen Heiser, for bringing Mumia's plight to your attention.

Your kindness is appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
  
Robert R. Bryan  
Lead counsel for Mumia Abu-Jamal

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Enclosure: Letter, Mumia Abu-Jamal, death row, Pennsylvania, to P.E.N.-Zentrum Deutschland, June 11, 2008

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