



Whereas, journalist Julian Assange is the founder of WikiLeaks which provided important information to the world about US and other governments' war crimes and international law violations and,

Whereas, Assange and WikiLeaks exposed corporate and political corruption and,

Whereas, there is a systematic effort by the US government to harass, repress and jail reporters and whistleblowers who expose corruption and criminal activity by government officials and,

Whereas, the Australian Media, Arts and Entertainment Alliance union, which Assange is a member, opposes his extradition to the US and seeks his free return to Australia and,

Whereas, the International Federation of Journalists (NewsGuild affiliate) called for the defense of Assange and opposed his extradition and,

Whereas, the San Francisco Labor Council has opposed the US effort to prosecute Assange for his activity as a journalist and,

Whereas, Local 39521 co-signed a [petition](#) supporting [House Resolution 1175](#) calling for the government to end its pursuit of Assange and,

Whereas, the US espionage charges and effort to extradite him threaten not just Assange but all journalists and publishers

Therefore be it resolved, the NewsGuild and CWA call on the British government to immediately release Assange and for the US to drop charges against him

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