WRITE FOR RIGHTS

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25 YEARS OF HOPE IN ACTION

This year, Write for Rights celebrates its 25th anniversary. Since 2001, people have come together each year with a simple but powerful belief: that ordinary people, wherever they are in the world, can help change someone else's life.

For more than a quarter of a century, millions of people have written letters to authorities, signed petitions and sent messages of hope to individuals facing injustice. Together, those actions have helped secure the release of those unlawfully detained, reunite families, challenge abusive laws and remind countless people that they have not been forgotten.

As we mark this milestone, the Write for Rights campaign's message is more relevant than ever.

Around the world, authoritarian practices are becoming increasingly common. Governments and authorities are silencing dissent, weakening the rule of law and restricting the freedoms that allow people to live with dignity. The consequences are deeply personal. Some people are imprisoned for peacefully expressing their views. Others are targeted because of who they are, who they love, or criminalized simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Behind every story is a person with dreams, relationships, talents and a life interrupted. A lawyer who believes in justice. A journalist determined to tell the truth. A mother separated from her child. A young person whose future has been put on hold. Their stories are different, but they are connected by a common reality: their rights and freedoms have been violated.

This year, Write for Rights shares the stories of nine people from around the world whose lives have been profoundly affected by authoritarian practices. Their experiences are different, but together they reveal a troubling global pattern, and remind us of something just as powerful: when people come together to take action, change is possible.

Since 2001, Write for Rights has shown that when thousands of people act together, authorities take notice, lives can change and hope can grow.

As we celebrate this anniversary, every letter, every signature and every message will help write the next chapter of that story. Together, our actions can protect rights, bring hope and help shape a future where everyone can live as equals in freedom and dignity.

