

(Name of person you are addressing),

The Press Club of Cleveland is considered a place for journalists and mass communicators to gather and exchange ideas. One of its core purposes is to unite members of the press and advocate for a fellowship among communicators. According to its website, The Press Club of Cleveland promotes excellence in journalism and aims to recognize those who “do it well.” Additionally, it states that its vision is to support “professionals, products and platforms that defend and further the public’s right to have access to information.”

With the above being true, I am asking that The Press Club of Cleveland issue a formal statement denouncing the 18 charges filed by the United States government against journalist Julian Assange. The decision to prosecute a journalist for the receipt and dissemination of information poses a direct threat to each of the principles The Press Club of Cleveland stands for. Furthermore, I am asking The Press Club of Cleveland to issue a formal statement in support of Assange and his right to protect source anonymity. As a journalist myself, I know these are basic practices journalists engage in very often.

With unity in mind, there is no better way to support a fellowship in journalism than to support an imprisoned journalist.

There is no better way to support a professional who defends and furthers the public’s right to have access to information than to support a journalist who provides an outlet for whistleblowers to anonymously submit information for public consumption.

There is no better way to promote excellence in journalism than to support a journalist who has a 100% accuracy rate and has never had to retract a statement.

Therefore, the correct course of action in this case is abundantly clear. Please support Julian Assange as he faces a political persecution for doing good journalism.

Not only do I consider my request appropriate and reasonable-- I view it as mandatory, right and just.

(Your name)