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DON'T DRAG CANADA
INTO COMPLICITY WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
IN LATIN AMERICA

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Honorable Chrystia Freeland,

I am extremely concerned with the current situation in Chile, where the government of Sebastián Piñera has doubled down the repression of citizens peacefully mobilizing to change Pinochet's dictatorship and its legacy of social inequality. Many reports confirm Human Rights violations and the systematic political prosecution of social leaders, many of whom are minors who will be tried under anti-terrorism laws. I also urge you to condemn the orchestration of a civic police coup in Bolivia, where legitimate president Evo Morales, who had already consented to have re-elections, was forced to resign on this day in order to avoid further violence against his government and supporters.

Since you have been vocal about Venezuela in the past, I urge you to not stay silent and take a clear stance about these events:

- a) Repudiating Sebastián Piñera's government escalating repression and violence against its citizens,
- b) Taking concrete steps to demonstrate Canada's support and commitment to the Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration of the Rights of Children, and
- c) Making it clear that Canada's government is not being selectively silent or vocal to accommodate the interests of private Canadian and US corporations in the resources of these countries.

Respectfully,

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