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To: **Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett**
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Re: AMERICAN EVANGELIST BLATANTLY BREAKS GUYANA INDIGENOUS LAWS

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the United Confederation of Taíno People (UCTP), a Caribbean Indigenous Representative Institution, which advocates for the rights of Caribbean Indigenous Peoples at the local, national, regional, and international level, we are writing to you with great concern regarding an incident on an Indigenous Territory, St. Cuthbert's Mission, in your home country of Guyana.

According to the information published in the news service, *Last Real Indians*, members of the Simon family, who are Indigenous Lokono Arawaks with verifiable, legitimate family ties to St. Cuthbert's, are in need of remedy due to what we understand are at least three actions that violate the 2006 Amerindian Act.

These actions also potentially violate Articles 19 & 26 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

With this in mind, the UCTP respectfully urges you, honorable Ambassador, to call upon the relevant authorities to act swiftly and impartially to uphold and defend of the rights of these Amerindian community residents who are facing a grave injustice.

Oma baharí (With respect),

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CC: International Indian Treaty Council; Caribbean Amerindian Development Organization;
Eagle Clan Arawaks; Tribal Link Foundation