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To: Myles Albasin

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Hi Myles,

We don't know each other. My name is Benjamin, I live in Toronto (Canada) and work with an organization called Canada-Philippines Solidarity Organization. Some of my comrades are working on a campaign to support people in Negros. One of them went on an exposure trip to Negros two years ago, so I know a little about how things are there today.

I learned about you first while I was helping put together an ad for the Philippine Reporter, and was looking for photos of political prisoners from Negros. I saw NNARA and Anakbayan and other organizations post about you on Facebook, and saw how courageous you looked even surrounded by armed soldiers, or handcuffed with your kasamas.

I heard you had planned to go to law school at one point. Do you still want to do that after you get free? Or do you want to go back to the countryside to work with people there? I guess the movement needs people for both kinds of work. I know that here we never have enough people to do all the work, so we usually encourage people to get active in whatever form of struggle engages them. I went into teaching after spending a lot of time in school learning sciences, because I thought it was a better way to serve the people than being hidden away doing basic research.

It's been more than two years for you, but I only learned about your case a few weeks ago. I hope you're keeping your spirits up, and know that people across the world are inspired by the work you've done.

Best wishes,
Benjamin Zidar