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Dear Readers and Friends of Toward Freedom,

What do you expect from the journalists you read? We live in tumultuous times, marked by the outgoing President of the United States continuing his inflammatory lies, instigating the recent right wing assault on the US Congress and causing traditionally cautious media commentators to openly declare that the June 6 insurrection was a coup attempt, even treason. Still, you may wonder: who can you trust? Now more than ever you need reliable information on how the ongoing turmoil in the most powerful country in the world is impacting the rest of the world, and vice versa. Add in the Black Lives Matter protests and the Covid-19 surge and its devastating impact on the worlds' economies and most vulnerable communities, and your access to accurate reporting and analysis has never been more important.

At Toward Freedom, good journalism means listening to many community voices. Each of them is valuable and provides a different perspective on the same story. Weaving their stories together, we aim to provide you with a true picture in all its complexity.

**We're writing today to ask you to support Toward Freedom and our approach to truth telling.**

The central focus of Toward Freedom's mission is to publish international reporting and analysis. The world is growing ever more inter-connected, but many people remain focused on the struggles in their own communities and countries. Toward Freedom provides information that links people world-wide. Toward Freedom's reporting highlights the global sources of injustice we face and helps to build our networks of solidarity and resistance.

This year, we covered how the public outcry against racial injustice in the United States following the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor inspired activism against racism in other countries, such as Mexico.

We sought out stories from various countries that exposed the economic and racial injustices underlying some governments' COVID 19 policies. In Indonesia, working class women who are domestic workers face particular restrictions. In a number of countries, Indigenous communities are being evicted from their lands under the cover of COVID-related lockdowns. In India, its poorest citizens, the so-called "untouchables" are struggling to survive.

And in the midst of all the struggles, we will continue to report on the successes and celebrations of peoples' struggles for democracy against authoritarian rule.

Your donation to Toward Freedom enables us to do this work and to go further. In the coming year, we want to expand our team of authors around the world and, in particular, to strengthen our coverage from the African continent.

Can we count on you to make a financial gift to help carry us through this challenging new year?? You can contribute via PayPal on the Donate page of our website.

Thank you in advance for your support.

In Solidarity,

Rebecca Kemble, President  
For the Toward Freedom Board of Directors