

# A Message from Lynne Stewart. Federal Bureau of Prisons Denied Lynne Stewart's application for compassionate release

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Update from Ralph Poynter:

*July 2, 2013 — The Federal Bureau of Prisons has DENIED Lynne Stewart's application for compassionate release. Director Charles E. Samuels, Jr. took this action despite recommendations for compassionate release from Federal Medical Center, Carswell Warden Jody R. Upton and South Central Regional Office Director J.A. Keller, as well as the vetting of Stewart's release plans by the Federal Probation Office in New York. The struggle to free Lynne Stewart continues on many fronts. First and foremost, each and every one of us must increase the number of people worldwide who sign the petition.*

*Lynne Stewart's condition is deteriorating rapidly. Medical treatment to arrest the cancer that is metastasizing in her body has been halted because she is too weak to receive it. She remains in isolation, as her white blood cell count is so low that she is at risk for generalized infection.*

*We shall not stand by idly while the Federal Bureau of Prisons murders Lynne Stewart. The Bureau of Prisons can and must reverse its decision.*

## A message from Lynne Stewart:

Disappointed but Not Devastated

My Dear Friends, Supporters, Comrades:

I know we are all disappointed to the marrow of our bones and the depths of our hearts by the news that the Bureaucrats, Kafka like, have turned down my request for compassionate release.

Let me say, that we are planning ahead. The letter from the BOP is flawed, to put it mildly. Both factually and medically it has major problems. We intend to go to court and raise these in front of my sentencing Judge Koeltl. At the first sentencing he responded to a query by one of the lawyers that he didn't want me to die in prison — we'll see if he can now live up to that. He is of course the same Judge who increased my sentence to 10 years — but this IS very different and we can only hope that we can prevail. Stay tuned for what we need from you. We will never give up. In the meantime, once again, I grieve for my children and grandchildren who love me so much and had such great expectations of enjoying life

together again in our beloved NYC and not just trying to, in the prison visiting room. My Ralph, too, whose dedication and love are only exceeded by the work he does on my behalf — but he is a born fighter and although he hurts, it all comes more naturally to him.

But for everyone else, I hope that your affront at this crass bureaucratic denial of the request, which you by your signatures and letters and phone calls, demanded — How far can we let this go? when a 73-year old woman who IS dying of cancer (maybe not on their timetable,) her life of good works ignored, be shunted aside ... “she does not present circumstances considered extraordinary and compelling ... at this time.” We must show them that I cannot be ignored, that YOU cannot be ignored.”

Fight On — All of Us or None of Us. An affront to one is an affront to all.

Love Struggle,

Lynne Stewart

Sign the petition at [IACenter.org/LynneStewartPetition](http://IACenter.org/LynneStewartPetition) or at [LynneStewart.org](http://LynneStewart.org)

Keep the pressure on!

Rallies for Lynne:

**July 9, Tuesday**

New York City

Foley Sq, Lower Manhattan Courts, 4-7pm

And march to. 500 Pearl St

July 12 Friday

**Washington DC — 5:30 to 8pm  
at Columbia Heights Civic Plaza  
14th St & Park Rd. NW**

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