

# Letter for Press Freedom

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The Honorable Antonio O. Garza, Jr.  
U.S. Ambassador to Mexico  
Department of State  
United States of America  
Via Facsimile: 011.5255.52 07 0091

Dear Ambassador Garza,

The organizations listed below formally protest the killing of independent journalist Bradley Roland Will in Oaxaca, Mexico on October 27th 2006 and request that the Government of the United States of America use all appropriate means to insure that his death is investigated and that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

All American citizens must be protected by the full power of our government wherever they travel in the world. This is especially the case when that citizen is a journalist attempting to report the truth in a dangerous situation. When the members of the press are subjected to physical attack, it is our values of freedom and of democracy which suffer. These are values to which the governments of Mexico and the U.S. both ascribe. Legal reaction to this murder must be swift and direct.

Bradley Roland Will was a legitimate journalist whose work was cablecast on Public Access television stations throughout the United States, as well as in Central and South America, and was distributed online. Hoodlums and political operatives who wish to operate under cover of darkness often feel safe in silencing independent reporters through acts of violence and intimidation. Violence against reporters on the edge is harbinger to destruction of press freedom in the middle. Our government and mainstream press should feel the same outrage over this killing as over the death of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

If anything, reporters who give of their own resources and work under such dangerous circumstances are even more deserving of our respect and protection because of the great personal sacrifice they endure in the quest for the information we need to exist as a free people.

The undersigned implore the United States government to:

1. Give full governmental protection throughout the world, in word and deed, to community-based journalists from the United States.
2. Ask the Mexican Government to make a formal, federal inquiry into the killing of journalist Bradley Roland Will in Oaxaca on October 27, 2006.
3. Ask that the Mexican Government bring his killer(s) to justice.
4. Ask that the Mexican Government state clearly that it will not tolerate the targeting of journalists covering conflicts, no matter what their affiliations or nationalities.

If the tragic killing of Bradley Roland Will results in the strengthening of protections for independent journalists, then his death will not have been in vain. More importantly, we will have stood together as a nation against an attack on our free press and the many freedoms which are built upon it.

Please keep us informed of your actions in this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Riddle, Executive Director  
[Alliance for Community Media](#)

Robert McChesney, President  
[Free Press](#)

[Craig Newmark](#), Founder  
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[Prometheus Radio Project](#)  
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New York, NY.

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[Santa Cruz Independent Media Center](#)  
Santa Cruz, CA.

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We need truth exposed with Independent Journalism

Todd Boyle Eastside Media Action. Kirkland, WA.

[Steve Ranieri](#) Executive Director, Quote...Unquote, Inc.. Albuquerque NM.  
The murder of Brad Will expresses the contempt that members of the old guard political elite in Mexico has for journalists in general. We should remember that there have been many Mexican journalists murdered over the past few years for trying to write the truth about corruption and narco trafficking in Mexico. What is the current government of Vicente Fox doing about these murders.

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It is important for the world to get information directly from participants in struggles. The corporate news outlets will not give us the truth. There has been

increased violence against activist reporters. The death of Brad Will must be investigated.

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Together we stand, Divided we fall...

Ivan Olsen Mountain View.

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[David Brookbank](#) Former U.S. Vice Consul in Mexico, Host of "Los Caminos de La Vida", KYRS 92.3 FM. Spokane, WA.  
Hasta donde debemos practicar las verdades?

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[Jim Ellinger](#) Radio Advocate, Austin Airwaves, Inc.. Austin, Texas.

[Scott Sanders](#) Chicago Media Action. Chicago, IL.

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[Dan Drumm](#) Technical Director, WHYS Radio. Eau Claire, WI, USA.  
When journalists fall, democracy follows.

Christina Aanestad Reporter, KPFA, FSRN. Bay Area, California.

stephanie loveless publisher, Ferndale Friends. Metro Detroit.  
i knew Brad, and i'm mad that he was murdered.

Sara T. Allen President, Ciara Enterprises, Inc. K-SARA Radio. Sarasota - Bradenton, Florida & Taos, New Mexico.  
Truth will not be silenced by violence.

[Mark McKinley](#) Louisville Media Reform Community. Louisville, KY.

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Bill Bornschein Teacher, Louisville, ky.

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[Pan Left Productions](#) Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A..

Christy Collins NY, USA.

thomas kozlovsky volunteer, wort89.9fm. madison,wisconsin.  
we urge to immediately investigate and arrest those responsible for the murder of  
brad will and other peaceful protesters.

[Richard Bowden](#) Director, professional musician, Instruments For Peace. Austin,  
Tx.

A growing network of professional musicians will help. Brad was an activist  
musician too.

Sheree Drake Louisville, KY.  
The oppression of free press is appalling. Please investigate!

Lawrence Turk RN,

Jennifer Oladipo freelance writer, US.

Mark Stanton General Manager, WYCS-TV. Louisville, KY.

WRFY-LP, 104.5 FM Urbana, Illinois, USA. 202 S. Broadway, Room 110.  
WRFU, Radio Free Urbana, agreed by consensus at its meeting on Nov. 7, 2006  
to add our voices to those calling for a full investigation and justice for Brad Will  
and all those killed in violence in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Bruce Mitchell Publisher, The Athens News. Athens Ohio.

Susan Mitchell The Athens NEWS. Athens, Ohio.  
Brad is my cousin. No one had a bigger heart, smile or hug. Brad came here to  
LIVE and help others LIVE.

[Kathleen Schroer](#) The Athens NEWS.

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Cheryl Bader Associate Publisher, The Memphis Flyer. Memphis, TN, USA.

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[Andrew Singer](#) freelance cartoonist, Minnesota.

Political corruption is destroying Mexico and this has a major impact on the US (via drug trafficking, illegal immigration, pollution and environmental and labor degradation). The U.S. and Mexico need to work separately and together to get a handle on it.

Terry Smith Editor, The Athens News. Athens Ohio.

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Amalia Vidas

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[Jonathan Lawson](#) Executive Director, Reclaim the Media. Seattle, WA.

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[Joshua Breitbart](#) blogger, A Civil Defense. New York, NY.

Henry Lieberg Louisville Media Rerform Community. Louisville, KY.

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Kevin Szprychel  
stop it!

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please help solve the oaxaca problem

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Ya basta!! Pedimos justicia Gerardo Torres

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Kathy Berry Ms., Athens, OH.

Heather Rawson Media Teacher, ROP/KHSU. Sonoma.  
Protect Freedom of Press!!!!

Marc Groah Promotion, BygOne1Productions. Healdsburg.

This is a tragic way to shine light on the necessity to stop the violence in Oaxaca and the rest of the world. Don't let Brads death be in vain!

Gaurav Jashnani El Rancho Popular, Fulbright Scholar. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WORT-FM Community Radio. Madison, WI USA.

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A government that does not protect independent voices can not be considered democratic.

Christine Venzon writer, Peoria, IL USA.