



PARLAMENT DE CATALUNYA

Laura Borràs i Castanyer
Presidenta

Dear,

Over the course of the last year I have sent you several letters sharing the situations of violation of rights that we are experiencing in the Parliament of Catalonia, situations such as the prohibition by the Spanish Constitutional Court to discuss certain issues, the inhabilitation of Mr. Pau Juvilà, the ban on the minister in exile Lluís Puig to delegate the vote or exercise it electronically, or the Catalangate.

The Spanish State, specially through judiciary power influence, is submitting the minority of the Catalan nation to a political persecution.

And this results, in the daily life of our Parliament, in the violation of the rights of expression and representation and, something particular serious, in the violation of the inviolability of the elected representatives of the citizenry, without which the division of power, the basis of democracy, is no longer real.

If I decide to write to you one more time, it is to communicate something especially painful. The Spanish justice has opened a trial against me after an Instruction full of irregularities in which it accuses me of an administrative irregularity of which I declare myself innocent. For alleged administrative crimes, a criminal case has been opened against me, for which the prosecutor's office is asking for six years in prison and twenty one years of disqualification. The disproportion of the punishment is another indication of the political intent of the case.

Today I will be removed as Parliament Speaker and I'll have to wait until found innocent in trial to be able to restore personal honour as well as my parliamentary role. Nevertheless, can justice be expected in a context of lawfare and the continuous suspension of democratic guarantees the Catalan people are suffering?

Kind regards,

Palau del Parlament, 28th July 2022