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*International Day  
of Solidarity with Long-  
Term Anarchist Prisoners*

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*June 11th Statement from  
Marius Mason*

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I am feeling some bittersweet feelings, having left prison after some 17 years. I met so many people, from so many communities and families, who found themselves incarcerated

for a myriad of reasons. As we move into this time of contention, where there will be conflict between the state and the communities we know – there may be more of the people we love sharing that hidden world behind bars and kept apart. To recognize and remember them is important and it keeps those ties we have to them strong. Please help me this June 11th, to send some love, some hope and a promise to remember to all of our people who are living behind bars.

I am including a poem I wrote for my Yale poetry class in prison. At Danbury, we had a tradition of hugging a certain tree in the parking lot as we got ready to leave one of the three prisons there, the camp, the FSL or the FCI. I was able to hug this sycamore tree, and to tie a new crocheted wrap that a lot of people at the FSL had contributed, so many stitches, so many colors, so many lives maintaining hope for freedom and the embrace of our family and friends.

## The Freedom Tree

*It's the sycamore tree that's in the parking lot,*

*From two day's warmth, has put out leaves.*

*The bleached bark, peeling and stark, is shot*

*Against the sky, arms lifted in a silent plea,*



THERE ARE NO BARS  
STRONG ENOUGH,  
NOR WALLS THICK  
ENOUGH, TO CAGE  
THE LOVE WE  
CARRY IN OUR  
HEARTS

*graphic by "Free" from a report on the June 10-12  
weekend of resistance for Jeff "Free" Luers (Break the  
Chains Newsletter, Issue 19, 2004)*

a special kind of curse to pass the baton of prison solidarity– but if other liberation activists are caught by the state and imprisoned, I wish every one of our prisoners receive the support I did. I pray that whoever is next is strong and courageous because our journey is arduous and full of peril, but we come home. We come home! And as long as you are not a snitch, you are welcomed by the movement with love and support.

On this June 11 International Day of Solidarity with Earth Liberation Prisoners and Anarchist Prisoners we welcome home Marius Mason. And reflect on the lessons learned over all the years.

It takes one person to commit an action, it takes a small group of people to support that person, it takes a community to stand up for that person, and a movement to inspire a world to fight back. The moral of the story is that no matter how painful the journey, under the right circumstances one person can change the world.

*\*Jeff Luers was sentenced to 22 years and 8 months in state prison for a June, 2000 arson motivated by climate and environmental concerns. Luers appealed the sentence with the help of CLDC and in 2007 the Court of Appeals overturned his sentence and he was resentenced to a term of 10 years.*

*The “Freedom Tree”.*

*Willing time to move forward, we see it expand,*

*The days are in those fingertips.*

*Buds break to burgeon into hands*

*That sweep the sky, wide, now that wind no longer keeps*

*And grass grows green.*

*There is a wild crocheted belt that encircles it,*

*Proof that one of us made it out,*

*And left behind a sign that’s spun*

*From everything we dreamed, while we longed to be*

*Touching this tree.*

Bob Marley also sang of a sycamore tree that was part of his songs about freedom and history. I hope that you will participate in this event, helping me mark a day to remember all the friends I left behind, and all of the people we are missing from our movement, and our communities. Anything will do, as long as it is braided or crocheted or knitted to show how we are

all part of a whole together, and stronger together than any one strand alone. There is no particular color combination, as many as you have to weave together. We are all different, but all of us belong together and free. Please help me mark this very first Freedom Tree event on June 11th.



Thank you so much for your act of solidarity.

Love and freedom,

Marius Mason

grateful.

For more than half of my imprisonment, June 11 stood out as an international announcement: We have not forgotten, we will not forget, and we will resist until all are free! Free Free! Became a rallying cry against the excessive, politically biased sentence imposed on me by the judge—the longest sentence of any environmental activist in the U.S. at the time.

I was not the only one that heard that message. My family heard it, my loved ones heard it, and the State heard it because my community around the world was shouting it at the top of their lungs!

In 2007, the Oregon Court of Appeal ruled my sentence illegal, and ordered the lower court to revisit my sentence in a manner consistent with the law. However, if it were not for the public support I had, I do not believe I would have had my sentence reduced by more than half at my resentencing. Moreover, at the resentencing hearing, I do not believe that the prosecutor assigned to my case, Erik Hassleman, would have compared my actions to that of the Boston Tea Party in court if it were not for the actions of thousands upon thousands around the world doing the same thing.

In 2011, after my release from prison, I helped transition June 11 to predominately support for Eric McDavid and Marius Mason (who we welcome home with arms wide open). Yet, it is

## *11th of June*

### *from Ryan Roberts*

By June 11, 2006, the sixth anniversary of my imprisonment, 43 cities around the world held events including Eugene, Oregon (where I lived) and Moscow, Russia where brave, black-clad anarchists spray painted the US Embassy in broad daylight with giant letters demanding my release before dispersing into the crowd.

But the truth is that June 11 started with a small group of friends trying to support a friend they lost to prison and ran a campaign to seek my release. After all what are politics if not personal? We struggle because it is personal when your freedom is taken and your world is burning. And when you lose a loved one to the struggle it gets even more personal than you can imagine.

As I sat behind those bars my thoughts were often with those I left behind. The struggle was ever present, that part was easy, the State always made sure of that. To me, it was easy to resist oppression or at least find the desire to do so. It is much harder to endure being separated from your family, your friends, and your community.

And that is why June 11 is so important. I chose to act on my own when I set fire to 3 vehicles at a car dealership. Did I make the right choices? Well, that's a different conversation, but as a young man sitting in a prison cell, I never expected anything of my community. But my community had an entirely different plan, and it changed the course of my life and I am eternally

As the years have gone by and with each day spent behind bars, I have come to realise that no matter what happens, as you strive through your sentence there will always be someone in solidarity with you.

I have been so blessed with the emails and letters that have been passed through me over the years. I have never been touched by so much strength and solidarity in the face of the brutal police tactics in 2021. There were many that stuck together that night fighting and defending the rights we stand for which lead us to do time. But no matter how much time we faced away we still got love through the post.

The connection and strength shown that day keep our communities united and strong against oppression. It was an act of everyday resistance. This 11th of June and every day stand in solidarity with anarchist prisoners. Keep writing, keep showing up! Sending all my love to the ones that stand with us until we are freed!

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# *The Origins of the International Day in Solidarity With Earth Liberation & Anarchist Prisoners*

By Jeff (Free) Luers\*

*"I am not a martyr and I am not a hero. I don't fit some perfect archetype, and I can't live up to any ideal of what so many people think I am. I'm just a man who loves without being able to say the words and who cries without being able to shed tears. I chose this life. I chose the possibility of prison. I chose to forsake my personal life for that which I believed in. It was not out of any altruistic or self-sacrificing desire. I chose this life because I don't think I could live with myself if I did not."*

I wrote those words on June 3, 2004, in my regular dispatch from the Oregon State Penitentiary, the state's oldest and only maximum-security prison. About a week later the world would witness the first June 11 International Day of Solidarity with Jeffrey "Free" Luers and Earth Liberation Prisoners. That year June 11 made national headlines because the FBI graciously released a public safety bulletin warning that car dealerships and other business may be targeted by environmental radicals and anarchists. We are currently heading into the 22nd annual Day in Solidarity with Earth Liberation & Anarchist Prisoners!