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Dear Mr. Governor,

with great concern, I heard that you initiated a lawsuit for the closure of the women's organization "We Will Stop Femicides" (Kadın Cinayetlerini Durduracađız).

In Turkey, almost every day a woman is killed, much more women suffer from violence within their families. Unfortunately, already with the withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, Turkey sent a signal to the society and to perpetrators that the state is not willing to protect women effectively.

The closure of "We Will Stop Femicides" would be a further step to deprive women of protection against violence.

I ask you urgently to withdraw the demand for closure and to ensure that organizations working for the prevention of violence against women can continue their work without impediment. Rather than closing organizations like "We Will Stop Femicides," Turkish state authorities should take own measures to prevent the widespread killings of women.

Yours respectfully,

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