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To: His Excellency Salim Jreissati
Minister of Justice
Beirut, Lebanon

Beirut, January 16, 2019

Dear H.E. Salim Jreissati,

I am writing to you on behalf of Human Rights Watch to urge you to publicly name the environmental public prosecutors in each governorate, as decreed by Law 251/2014.

Following on the passage of Law 80/2018 on Integrated Solid Waste Management, identifying known, dedicated public prosecutors to bring environmental cases would be a strong signal of support from the Ministry for implementing our laws on waste management which are needed to protect our health and the environment.

As you know, there is a critical need for accountability and redress for those who suffer as a result of environmental harm caused by the mismanagement of waste. Publicizing a list of the environmental public prosecutors in each governorate to whom citizens and civil society groups can address their complaints is key for ensuring adherence to our environmental laws and deterring future violations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. You can reach me at your convenience by phone on +961 [REDACTED] and email on [REDACTED].

Sincerely,
Lama Fakih
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