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Dear Prosecutor of Kursk Region,

I am dismayed to learn that on 4 September 2020 the Kursk Regional Court ruled to overturn the decision of the Lgov District Court granting early release to Jehovah's Witness Dennis Christensen and sent the case back to the Lgov District Court for review. I am also extremely concerned that the IK-3 penal colony authorities continue to harass Dennis Christensen and that he spent 27 days in a punishment cell for purported disciplinary offences he did not commit.

Moreover, Dennis Christensen is not provided with the adequate medical care he requires for his health issues. His health condition makes him especially vulnerable in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dennis Christensen was convicted in February 2019 and sentenced to six years in prison simply for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of religion while practicing his faith as a Jehovah's Witness. He is a prisoner of conscience and must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,