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President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The U.S. Government's use of indefinite detention without charge as a response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 has been unlawful from the very beginning of this regime. This practice must be brought to an end. I ask you to shut down the detention facility at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as one of your first actions as President.

The impunity that persists in relation to the enforced disappearance, torture, ill treatment, and other human rights violations committed against the detainees at Guantanamo Bay is unacceptable, and a stain on the U.S. human rights record. Torture and enforced disappearance are crimes under international law.

I welcome your recent announcement that the White House is leading an interagency review on closing the prison. I urge you to appoint a senior White House official to be accountable for the closure process, including ensuring interagency cooperation with attention to U.S. and international human rights laws. Additionally, I urge you to immediately reestablish the Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure at the State Department. I urge you to work toward a lawful solution for the detainees still held at the Guantanamo Bay facility by either transferring them for release, including the six detainees already approved for transfer, or bringing individuals to trial in civilian federal courts, if this can be achieved in accordance with international law and standards, and without recourse to the death penalty.

The remaining detainees who have not been charged with a crime should likewise be transferred as soon as possible. Those who were subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment must receive genuine access to rehabilitation and redress. Finally, the individuals responsible for torture and enforced disappearance must be brought to justice in fair trials, and again, without recourse to the death penalty.

These actions are long overdue, and as President of the United States, you have a real opportunity now to show leadership by finally ending these human rights violations. I therefore urge you to close Guantanamo Bay once and for all.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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