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President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500
USA

PETITION 2020

DONALD TRUMP, CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO!

Dear Mr President,

It is high time for you to finally close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay.

Not only since the release of the Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program in 2014, it is obvious that **secret and arbitrary detention, torture and ill-treatment** were systematically used by officials of the United States of America. Some of those reportedly detained and tortured still remain at Guantánamo Bay, and none of the US officials has ever been **brought to justice** for those severe violations of human rights. In contrast, **Marshall Billingslea**, who has a well-documented history of advocating for the use of torture and other unlawful interrogation practices at Guantánamo, was nominated for the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights at the Department of State.

Eighteen years after opening, **40 detainees remain at Guantánamo Bay**, many have been held without charge for a decade or more and face indefinite detention without a trial. Five of them remain **cleared for transfer**, yet your government has made no efforts to transfer them out of the prison. Those who have been charged face trials by **military commissions** that do not meet international standards for fair trials and show only very slow progress. Meanwhile, detainees are aging and face more and more health problems, while at the same time the approach to health care in the facility is becoming increasingly degrading.

Therefore, we call on you

- Close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay by ending, not relocating, indefinite detention without charge, without any pursuit of the death penalty;
- Each detainee must either be charged and face trial in a federal court, or be released to countries that will respect their human rights, including the USA if that is the only available option;
- Former or current US officials responsible for human rights violations must be held to account, including in respect of crimes under international law such as torture and enforced disappearance. Victims of human rights violations must be provided genuine access to effective remedy. Persons who advocated for torture should not be nominated for influential human right positions;
- Make sure detainees have access to appropriate health care without degrading practices.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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