



The Center for Victims of Torture  
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Dear Mr. President:

In response to reports of U.S. torture, you have said, “America stands against and will not tolerate torture.” I am writing today to ask that you affirm through your actions that America’s values abroad are the same values we demand at home.

Since your statement against torture, government and news reports continue to reveal stories of inhuman treatment, torture and deaths. That is why I urge you to issue an Executive Order providing clear, detailed guidance to all U.S. personnel on acceptable interrogation procedures, and stop the practice of sending prisoners to countries that use torture. I believe the 1992 Army Field Manual on interrogations should be the minimum standard for all U.S. personnel of all detainees held anywhere in the world.

In addition I urge you to call for the appointment of an independent commission with the power to hold hearings and issue subpoenas to fully investigate all reports of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. Finally, as called for by the UN Convention Against Torture, I ask that the U.S. fulfill its obligation of providing legal remedies and as full a rehabilitation as possible for the victims of torture.

Torture is illegal and un-American. If the U.S. is to spread freedom and democracy abroad, it must show the world it can do so while holding firm to our belief in the basic human right not to be tortured.

Sincerely,

[Name]  
[Home Address]