

Push back against Justice Dept. recommendations - restore the rule of law at Guantanamo!

A Justice Department-led task force recently released its outrageous recommendation to continue holding nearly 50 Guantanamo detainees indefinitely. These actions are in direct violation of civil liberties, human rights, and a Supreme Court ruling in 2008 that confirmed Guantanamo detainees' rights to habeas corpus.

Call the Obama administration on its recent backsliding in rejecting the rule of law and ask for a new kind of task force - a commission of independent, bipartisan experts to examine, report, and come to their own informed conclusions about the policies and actions related to the detention, treatment, and transfer of Guantanamo detainees.

Sample Letter:

Dear

I want you to establish an independent, bipartisan commission that will examine, report, and come to its own informed conclusions about the policies and practices related to the detention, treatment, and transfer of Guantanamo detainees.

I am outraged that a Justice Department-led task force recently recommended that the U.S. continue holding nearly 50 Guantanamo detainees indefinitely.

These conclusions are in direct violation of civil liberties, human rights, and a Supreme Court ruling in 2008 that confirmed Guantanamo detainees' rights to habeas corpus. We were promised that by this date the infamous detention center would be closed, instead the Administration is considering prolonging the violation of detainees' rights. We can't keep America safe by perpetuating injustice.

Please help establish and support a non-partisan, independent commission of distinguished Americans to finally close the chapter on the war on terror and examine the detention, treatment, and transfer of Guantanamo detainees. Such a commission needs to be independent, backed by the full force of law, and be adequately funded.

We can't continue to detain people on the basis of rumor and innuendo. If there is information then the American people deserve to be told the truth.

I would like you to ensure that the Administration produces and publishes all remaining relevant policy memos that argued for, documented, and established the basis for coercive interrogation, detainee treatment and policy in the last administration. It is important that we expose these ongoing human rights violations and take action to ensure that these abuses do not happen again. Please let me know the steps you're taking to restore justice and rule of law at Guantanamo.

Sincerely,