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Dear Governor Jindal,

Louisiana prisoner Herman Wallace is terminally ill with liver cancer. Like fellow prisoner, Albert Woodfox, Wallace has suffered more than four decades of solitary confinement in conditions that amount to cruel and inhumane treatment. The 71-year-old is now fighting for his life. We urge you to release Herman to his family on humanitarian grounds so that they can care for him in his final days.

In 1972, Herman Wallace and Albert Woodfox were convicted of the murder of prison guard Brent Miller, despite the fact that no DNA evidence tied them to the crime. The two men were placed in solitary confinement; 23 hours a day isolated in a small cell.

Herman Wallace's continued imprisonment serves no purpose. His prison records demonstrate that he is not a threat to himself or others. Furthermore, there are substantial concerns about the fairness of the legal process that resulted in Herman's conviction; a conviction that is still being challenged before the courts today. Over the years of litigation on this case, evidence has emerged to suggest that the decision to keep both men in solitary confinement was based at least in part on their political activism and association with the Black Panther party.

We recognize that Louisiana prison authorities recently reclassified Herman as a medium security prisoner and removed him from isolation. This is a step in the right direction. However, after decades of prolonged isolation in a 6 by 9 cell, the time has now come for the State of Louisiana to release him.

We represent tens of thousands of people in Louisiana and around the world who believe that subjecting Herman Wallace and Albert Woodfox to solitary confinement for over 40 years is a grave injustice. Four decades of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment has taken a toll on his health. We call on you to make the humane choice. Release Herman Wallace today.

Sincerely,

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End Racism Coalition
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Critical Resistance
Freedom Archives
Global Exchange

Human Rights Watch
National Religious Campaign Against
Torture
The Partnership for Civil Justice
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Real Cost of Prisons
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