

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 15, 2008

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

We are writing to urge you to sign into law the Conference Report on the Intelligence Authorization bill for FY 2008 (H. Rept. 110-478), which includes a provision extending the rules governing interrogation techniques followed by our military in the Army Field Manual, to intelligence agencies.

Since news of the mistreatment, and possible torture, of detainees in U.S. custody first surfaced, Congress has debated, and legislated, on the subject of the legal, and moral, limits on interrogation. This conduct is unworthy of the United States and its people. It places every American, especially every American in uniform around the world, at grave risk.


The United States has historically been a leader in the effort to establish and enforce the laws of war and conventions against torture. Indeed, the Army Field Manual is an outstanding example of how our modern military effectively gathers intelligence and observes international norms of conduct.


This week, the Senate joined the House of Representatives in affirming our nation's most fundamental values and our respect for the rule of law by adopting the Conference Report on the Intelligence Authorization bill for FY 2008 (H. Rept. 110-478).


The Conference Report contains a provision, added by Senator Feinstein, which mirrors legislation authored by Rep. Jerrold Nadler and Rep. William Delahunt, the *American Anti-Torture Act* (H.R. 4114). This provision would ensure a single, uniform, baseline standard for all interrogations conducted by the U.S. intelligence community. By extending the Army Field Manual standards to the intelligence community, the Conference Report effectively outlaws waterboarding, a method of controlled drowning.

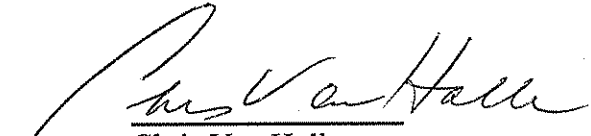
Mr. President, you have long said that America does not torture. We urge you to affirm this commitment by signing the Conference Report on the Intelligence Authorization bill into law.

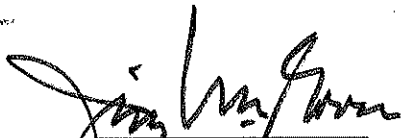
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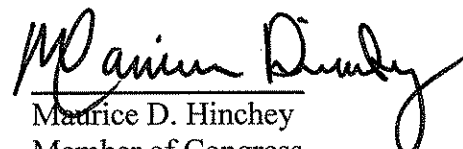
  
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