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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing to voice my outrage at your government's failure to demand the repatriation of Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Khadr was a child at the time of his capture in Afghanistan by American troops. Every other western nation with a citizen in captivity at Guantanamo Bay has asked for and obtained their release.

Omar Khadr has been held for nearly seven years, during which time he has been beaten, threatened with torture, threatened with rape, put in solitary confinement, and shackled and bound in uncomfortable stress positions for long stretches of time. He is accused of allegedly throwing a grenade which killed an American soldier though little evidence has been put forth to substantiate this claim.

Canada's participation in the interrogation of Omar Khadr and its failure to ask for his return violates our obligations under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as the Geneva Convention.

We demand that the Canadian government immediately take action so that Omar Khadr may be brought home and rehabilitated into society as child soldiers—truly victims of war—should be.

Sincerely,

Ismail Zayid