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The Honorable Robert Gates  
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Re: *Transfer of Uighur Prisoners Out of Camp 6 and parole into the United States*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On the basis of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight's investigation into detention at Guantanamo Bay, we request that the Uighur detainees at Guantanamo Bay promptly be paroled into the United States, and that while those arrangements are being made, those Uighurs being held in Camp 6 immediately be transferred from Camp 6 to Camp 4.

The Uighurs are friends of the United States, and based upon the facts of their political inclinations and struggle against the Communist Chinese regime, they should not be grouped, even in appearance, with the other detainees at Guantanamo Bay. Accordingly, Mr. Secretary, we are requesting that your office intervene to put this transfer and parole into motion.

The parole requested in this letter would accomplish the Uighurs' physical transfer to the continental United States, but would not, of itself, constitute a formal grant of asylum. We have consulted with Rabiya Kadeer, President of the Uighur American Association, and have been informed the Uighur community is willing to support these individuals during their stay in the United States.

We look forward to the opportunity to speak with your office about the means for carrying out our request. Please respond to this letter by July 19, 2008. Please contact either Natalie Coburn or Paul Berkowitz of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 226-6434 if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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