

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing you again to urge you to use your constitutional power to commute the sentence of Jonathan Pollard. Such an action would not in any way imply doubt about his guilt. Mr. Pollard committed serious crimes, and he has admitted this and expressed remorse. The fact remains, however, that there is a great disparity between the amount of time that Mr. Pollard has served and the time that has been served by many others who were found guilty of similar activity on behalf of nations that, like Israel, are our allies. Mr. Pollard has been incarcerated now for over twenty six years, and from our perspective this stands as a sufficient time from the standpoint of either punishment or deterrence. We further believe that at a time when Israel, our democratic ally, is being faced with a range of difficult decisions, a decision by you to commute Mr. Pollard's sentence would not only be a humane act, but would also be taken in Israel as a further affirmation of the strong commitment the U.S. has to the ties between us, and we believe that such an affirmation could be especially useful at a time when those decisions are being made.

Sincerely,


GARY L. ACKERMAN
Member of Congress


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Member of Congress