

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned **over one hundred** religious and communal leaders representative of the broad spectrum of community faiths across Florida – wish to add our voices in support of clemency for Jonathan Pollard. We are united in the fundamental belief that "Justice, only justice, shall you pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20), which rests at the core of our moral principles and system of justice.

Mr. Pollard is currently serving his 27th year of a life sentence, having been indicted on one count of passing classified information to an ally without intent to harm the United States. We certainly do not condone his crime, nor do we underestimate the gravity of the offense. But it is patently clear that the sentence was and remains terribly disproportionate – the average punishment is a 2–4 year prison term – and (as several federal judges have noted) constitutes a gross miscarriage of justice.

As you know, prominent figures from across the spectrum have publicly stated their support for Mr. Pollard's release. They include Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel; Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and George Shultz; Senators Charles Schumer, John McCain and Arlen Specter; Harvard Law Professors Charles Ogletree and Alan Dershowitz; former Attorney General Michael Mukasey; former Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb; Rev. Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame; Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP; former federal Judge George Leighton; former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olsen; and Pastor John Hagee. In addition, thirty-nine members of Congress, led by Congressman Barney Frank, have recently submitted to you a "Dear Colleague" letter in support of commuting Mr. Pollard's sentence. Perhaps most noteworthy, similar support has come from those who have seen the classified information of the actual damage caused, including former CIA Director R. James Woolsey, and former Senator and Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee Dennis DeConcini.

After more than two and a half decades in prison, Mr. Pollard's health is declining. He has repeatedly expressed remorse for his actions, and by all accounts has served as a model inmate.

Commuting his sentence to time served would be a wholly appropriate exercise of your power of clemency – as well as a matter of basic fairness and American justice. It would also represent a clear sense of compassion and reconciliation – a sign of hope much needed in today's world of tension and turmoil.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully

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