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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I write to you out of concern for the ailing Jonathan Pollard and request that you commute his sentence to time-served, a position supported by former CIA director James Woolsey, former Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Dennis DeConcini, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Mr. Pollard was arrested for spying for and giving classified documents to Israel, a close friend and ally of the United States. He has now been incarcerated for 27 on the charge of one count of espionage.

In exchange for bypassing a trial, Pollard pled guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence; however, the court reneged on its promise and gave him the maximum sentence of life in prison with the recommendation that he be denied parole. The length of this sentence is unprecedented as the median sentence for passing classified intelligence to an ally is between two and four years. In fact, Mr. Pollard has served even longer than many who have been convicted of spying for enemies of the United States.

If Mr. Pollard were released today he would pose no threat to national security and any intelligence that he once possessed is undoubtedly irrelevant 27 years later. Commutation will not grant him pardon for his actions rather it will recognize that he has served more than ample time for his crime. I urge you to seriously consider this case and decide to commute Jonathan Pollard's life sentence to time-served.

Sincerely,



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Robert E. Andrews
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Cc: Eric Holder, United States Attorney General