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Dear President Obama, January 19, 2017

Urgent: Abdul Latif Nasser, cleared prisoner stranded in Guantánamo

We write now, in these final hours of your presidency, with a desperate request. We seek your help on behalf of our cleared client, Abdul Latif Nasser, the last Moroccan in Guantánamo, whose freedom hangs in the balance due to nothing more than bureaucratic delay.

We have just learned that Abdul Latif's freedom will be denied by government red tape—a result that is as pointless as it is cruel. He was due to be released before you left office, but as the final days of your administration rushed by, we learned he would be left behind.

This past Friday, we filed emergency litigation on Abdul Latif's behalf, asking the court to relieve your administration of the burden of the 30-day Congressional notice requirement. This would allow you to release him to Morocco, his home, as soon as possible and before Donald Trump takes office.

As you may know, Abdul Latif was unanimously approved by the Periodic Review Board for transfer home to Morocco on July 11th of this year, but has remained imprisoned for reasons that were unclear until now. We learned yesterday that the transfer process has simply been too slow. The Moroccan government just took too long to respond to the United States' resettlement request:

> *The Government of Morocco finally responded affirmatively to the U.S. Government…on December 28, 2016. Because of the timing of this response, which was less than 30 days before the Secretary of Defense would leave office, the Secretary of Defense did not make a final decision regarding the transfer....*-Govt Response to Abdul Latif's Emergency Motion

We implore you now to use your enormous power to help a man whose fate is entirely in your hands. A man who your State Department promised to return to his brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews in Morocco. **We implore you to withdraw opposition to our motion today, and instruct your Defense Department to transfer Abdullatif home to Morocco immediately**—a home that affirmatively requests his return. This is a result that all parties seek—Abdul Latif, the United States Government, and the Moroccan Government. Bureaucracy will steal yet more years of our client's life unless you act now.

Abdul Latif has a stable, loving family eagerly awaiting his return, as noted by the Periodic Review Board, and he will have the ongoing support of Reprieve's Life After Guantánamo program. There is no sense in the United States holding him even a day longer. We beg that you do not leave him stranded in Guantánamo Bay.

Sincerely,

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