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Dear Senator Feinstein:

We write to urge that you make the forthcoming Senate Select Committee on

Intelligence's report on the CIA's detention and interrogation program

public with as few redactions as possible.

We strongly support the Committee's ongoing effort to investigate and establish the facts surrounding the CIA interrogation, rendition, and detention programs. These issues have been the subject of intense speculation and debate, and the absence of a comprehensive examination of the facts based on the actual historical record has been extremely corrosive and divisive. For example, soon after the killing of Osama Bin Laden, proponents of so-called "enhanced interrogation techniques" claimed that information derived from torture revealed his whereabouts. The anniversary of Osama Bin Laden's death will likely result in another contentious debate about the use of torture and cruelty in interrogations. The public is entitled to a complete reporting of the facts, detailing how

and why these techniques came to be used.

The use of cruel interrogation techniques long denounced by the United

States as forms of torture represented a dramatic reversal from the

principles to which our nation has aspired for over 200 years. We believe

that these policies were abhorrent, illegal and ineffective. But, in the

absence of a comprehensive review base