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To Secretary Mullin,

On behalf of our communities, we urge you to immediately end all attempts to punish Mahmoud Khalil, a former Columbia graduate student and lawful permanent U.S. resident, for his constitutionally-protected activities and to terminate his removal proceedings.

We are increasingly concerned that the Trump administration continues to target Mr. Khalil specifically for his constitutionally protected speech and activities. A recent [news media report](#) shows that the Trump administration secretly engineered the outcome of Mr. Khalil's immigration case to make an example of him. A new [filing](#) by Mr. Khalil's legal team shows that the Board of Immigration Appeals, which is controlled by the Department of Justice, improperly influenced the lower immigration court's decision, fast-tracked Mr. Khalil's proceedings, bypassed the normal channels through which immigration appeals are docketed and adjudicated, and ultimately reached a decision in an unheard-of nine days.

Not only has the Trump administration pressed all of this forward in open defiance of a federal district court order barring the government from using the "foreign policy ground" — the original pretext for Mr. Khalil's arrest — to detain or remove him, but it has also pursued Mr. Khalil despite the Federal Bureau of Investigation [swiftly and quietly closing a probe](#) into him while he sat in immigration detention last March.

While the actions taken by the Trump administration toward Mr. Khalil over the last year are clearly flagrant unconstitutional attempts to suppress free speech and incite fear, these recent developments detailing the administration's persistent targeting of Mr. Khalil are disturbing. Undoubtedly, the administration's pattern of targeting the rights of students and immigrants to speak against injustice undermines democracy and makes everyone less safe.

The only constitutional response by the United States government is for the Department of Homeland Security to terminate all removal proceedings against Mr. Khalil.

Sincerely,



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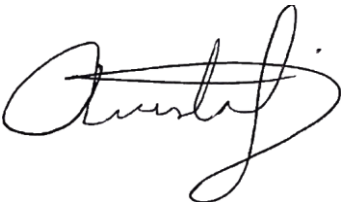
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