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Dear Senator:

As retired flag and general officers, we believe it is imperative for Congress to address Guantanamo now. We have always believed that our detention policies should adhere to the rule of law, and that we as a nation are more secure when we do. Guantanamo is a betrayal of American values. The prison is a symbol of torture and justice delayed. More than a decade after it opened, Guantanamo remains a recruiting poster for terrorists which makes us all less safe. As the United States ends the war in Afghanistan in 2014, the government must find a lawful disposition for all detainees captured as part of that war. Spending \$2.7 million per detainee annually at Guantanamo, when a comparable facility in the United States costs taxpayers only \$34,000-\$78,000, is fiscally irresponsible, especially as our military must make significant budget cuts under sequestration.

The Senate National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as reported out of the Senate Armed Services Committee would provide a meaningful step towards responsibly closing Guantanamo. It authorizes the transfer of detainees cleared for transfer by the U.S. intelligence and defense agencies for purposes of resettlement or repatriation, and it permits transfers to the U.S. for purposes of prosecution, incarceration and medical treatment. We support these provisions, and oppose any efforts to impose more stringent restrictions on the transfer of detainees out of Guantanamo.

Sincerely,

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