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The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Goodale:

On behalf of 72,000 academic and general staff at more than 120 universities and colleges across Canada, the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) urges your government to stop the deportation of UN Convention refugee Mohamed Harkat to Algeria under a Security Certificate.

CAUT has long endorsed the campaign to abolish Security Certificates, but we now write with immediate and urgent concern about the imminent deportation of Mr. Harkat to possible torture.

Algeria is notorious for torturing prisoners, particularly those suspected of involvement in terrorism. Amnesty International has exposed Algeria's poor human rights record, and Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada, has observed that deporting Mr. Harkat would expose him to risk of serious mistreatment. Both the United Kingdom and Ireland have recently stopped deportations to Algeria because of the risk of torture.

International law condemns torture in the strongest possible terms, and prohibits complicity with it. Article 3 of the United Nations Convention against Torture forbids deporting or transferring individuals to states where they may be tortured. Relying on pledges not to torture from states known to torture is also prohibited.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stated on October 26, 2017: "I hope people remember to demand of governments, this one and all future governments, that nobody ever has their fundamental rights violated either through inaction or deliberate action by Canadian governments. Nobody ever deserves to be tortured. And when a Canadian government is either complicit in that or was not active enough in preventing it, there needs to be a responsibility taken."

Under the law, Minister Goodale, you have the power to allow Mr. Harkat to stay in Canada. We urge you to use this power to allow Mohamed Harkat to remain in Canada and live his life, safe from fear and torture, with his wife and community.

Yours sincerely,



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