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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write on behalf of Agudath Israel of America, a national Orthodox Jewish organization, in support of Jonathan Pollard's petition for the termination of his parole. Agudath Israel has for many years advocated for clemency for Jonathan Pollard, and we now plead on humanitarian grounds for the commutation of his sentence and the termination of his parole.

The new humanitarian considerations relate to the sad fact that Mr. Pollard's wife Esther has been diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bones, and she requires intensive chemotherapy as well as surgery. She will need her husband's help during this extremely trying time, yet the conditions of his parole impose significant restrictions on his ability to be of help to her.

For example, in order to simply accompany his wife to her doctor's appointments and her chemotherapy sessions, which assistance she very much needs, Mr. Pollard is required by his parole conditions to give three days advance notice and submit a formal written request to leave Manhattan and go to wherever she needs to be taken. Unless he receives written permission, which is not automatic but can be denied and must be negotiated each and every time, he cannot accompany her.

Mr. Pollard's parole also imposes on him a strict curfew, requiring him to be at home from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. If his wife needs medication, food, or anything else, during that time period he is forbidden to go out to get it. If she should require emergency medical assistance during that time period, he cannot accompany her to the hospital.

Mr. Pollard has already served four years on parole and has kept all of the severe restrictions that it imposes on him. Now, due to Mrs. Pollard's life-threatening illness, she desperately and urgently needs him to be able to be there for her without the restrictions the parole imposes on him. We ask that you have mercy on Mr. Pollard and his very ill wife and commute Mr. Pollard's sentence.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President

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