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President

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

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization, I write to you today to request that you grant leniency to Jonathan Pollard and terminate his parole on humanitarian grounds so that he may care for his wife, Esther. Her diagnosis of advanced-stage metastatic breast cancer requires chemotherapy and other medical treatments. However the extreme terms of Mr. Pollard's parole constrain him from providing her the assistance and care she so badly requires during this very difficult and trying time.

Under the severe conditions imposed upon him, Mr. Pollard is extremely limited in his ability to minister to his wife or provide for some of the most basic needs to ameliorate and tend to her condition. For example, just to accompany her to receive chemotherapy and other treatments, or to attend doctor's appointments, Mr. Pollard must provide three days of notice and submit a formal written request for permission to leave Manhattan to do so – each and every time. The written permissions are not granted automatically and may be denied – each and every time. If he doesn't receive this specific, written permission, Mr. Pollard is forbidden from accompanying his wife.

On a daily basis, should his wife need medication, food or any other items between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., Mr. Pollard's strict curfew prevents him from procuring them for her. And if, G-d forbid, she needs emergency medical care during that time, Mr. Pollard cannot go to the hospital with her.

We respectfully request your intervention and ask that you bestow upon Mr. Pollard and his wife the compassion and mercy they so badly need at this time by granting Mr. Pollard his full freedom.

Sincerely,



Mark Bane
President

cc: Pascquale "Pat" A. Cipollone, Esq.