The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As you continue your efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and transfer detainees to the United States – possibly to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas – we ask that you bear in mind our concerns and the thoughts of citizens of Kansas.

In 2008, the City of Leavenworth initially became aware of the possibility of a transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees. Since that time, private citizens, state and local officials along with federal legislators, have worked steadfastly to voice our concerns to your Administration as to why Leavenworth is not a suitable location.

We understand that the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth is a top choice as it is the only maximum security prison within the Department of Defense. We are proud of the men and women who work at the Disciplinary Barracks who ensure the safety and security of the Leavenworth community, our great state of Kansas and the United States.

However, you must understand our justifiable trepidation about moving the detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention center to Kansas. After all, these are some of the most dangerous terrorists in the world, whose own countries refuse to take them back.

Moving these terrorists to our community could jeopardize our families, schools and downtown businesses, and make Leavenworth a target. Several folks have already said that they will leave our community should you choose to relocate Guantanamo detainees to Fort Leavenworth.

In addition, Fort Leavenworth serves as the intellectual center of the Army. Here, we host the best and brightest military leaders from around the world to train and exchange ideas with the U.S. military's rising commanders. The Combined Arms Center also uses lessons learned from the collective military community to write doctrine – a tool that ensures our military can adapt to modern warfare and enhances America's national security.

Should this transfer move forward, many of our Middle Eastern allies who send officers to train at Fort Leavenworth will likely stop the practice. This means that an invaluable resource, which provides military training practices to help protect our homeland and strengthens strategic partnerships with our allies, would likely end.

Mr. President, the people of Leavenworth, Kansas, – regardless of political parties – are strongly against the plan to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and transfer detainees to American soil. We urge you to consider their thoughts and concerns before taking any executive actions to follow through on your plans.

Sincerely,

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