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Dear Mr President:

I am very concerned about torture. The nomination of Deputy Director Haspel to lead the CIA suggests that torture may again be used by the US government. In 2005 the CIA was deeply involved in an illegal, immoral and destructive program of torturing suspects and as site director in Thailand Ms Haspel was responsible for a significant part of this program. Such methods are well known to be ineffective (see Schiemann's 2012 study) and yet provide justification for others to torture American prisoners and to level attacks against us. It is essential to the effectiveness of US diplomacy and the safety of our citizens that this terrible episode be put behind us and its perpetrators jailed.

*Please assure me that you will prosecute Deputy Director Haspel as a war criminal.*

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our government of laws.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson