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Dear Senator Harris,

I am very concerned about torture. Comments by the president and the nomination of Deputy Director Haspel to lead the CIA suggest 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 both as site director in Thailand and in the destruction of evidence Ms Haspel was partly responsible. 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 a moral imperative and 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.

*Thank you for demanding the release of Ms Haspel's record.*

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

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