Letters From Acquaintances

Dear Pardon Attorney

My name is XY. I heard that a petition was being prepared for President Obama to commute the sentence of Aafia and I wanted to be heard in support of this petition.

I have known Aafia Siddiqui (and indicate how you knew her). She was always a very kind, compassionate person (or state what qualities you observed about her). She used to arrange fund drives for persons in need, (or tell some things that she used to do). I remember once when (and tell some experience you had with her. )

During all the time I knew her I never heard her say anything in support of violence or extremism. (Or indicate how you understood her beliefs to be)

When I heard she had been disappeared with her 3 children in 2003 I was shocked that such a thing could happen, especially to someone so gentle and kind (or whatever your reactions were to her disappearance)

When I heard that she had been convicted of attempted murder I could not believe that Aafia could have been guilty of such a crime (or whatever your reaction was.)

I cannot understand how Aafia could be sentenced to 86 years in jail,, especially when nobody was even injured except Aafia. The conduct of the trial covered up Aafia’s disappearance for 5 years with her children and made it impossible for her to present her defense or get justice. (Or state whatever other concerns you may have about how Aafia’s trial was conducted or about the resulting sentence.)

Aafia’s case raises many fundamental issues of law, and justice that are continually being abused by powerful countries. (and indicate some of these issues or other concerns you may have such as the failure to enforce treaties against disappearing people, or torture or abuse of children or other concerns)

I hope the President will commute Aafia’s sentence. She and her children have suffered enough. ( and state whatever you may feel about the situation)

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