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RE: PRS File Review for Abdul Malik Bajabu, ISN 10025

Esteemed Periodic Review Board Members:

My name is Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, and it is my privilege to represent Abdul Malik Bajabu in this proceeding. I write this statement eleven years and two months after Mr. Bajabu was brought to Guantánamo—ostensibly, for participation in a crime that took place neither on U.S. soil nor against U.S. interests.

Mr. Bajabu has, by all accounts, been a model prisoner for the last decade. He spends his time in detention reading the words of famous peace activists and consistently engages detention staff with openness, empathy, and patience (as his behavioral record confirms).

In our last three submissions, we proffered a flood of family support from members who were all gainfully employed, entirely devoid of criminal connections, and with whom undersigned counsel is in regular contact.¹ Mr. Bajabu himself possesses various marketable skills on which he could rely post-release, should his family unexpectedly fail to support him.² Reprieve, members of which have repeatedly traveled to Kenya for his case, continues to be willing to expend that same effort to support him through this process and beyond. Mr. Bajabu is represented by a trifecta of attorneys in three different countries: the U.S., Kenya, and Israel. It is not support that he lacks—it is an opportunity to defend himself, and discounting that, the opportunity to be meaningfully heard.

He has offered—each time since his initial determination—to return for a hearing to clear up any unanswered questions. He does so again today, despite the Board's repeated refusal to grant him a hearing and the U.S. government's refusal to make any attempt to resettle the five detainees already approved for transfer who continue to live out their days in their cells.

Thus, it is with an immeasurable amount of hope and faith that Mr. Bajabu appeals again to this Board for its time and consideration.

Shelby Sullivan-Bennis
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¹ Two of Mr. Bajabu's sisters (one, a Kenyan politician and the other, a businesswoman) offer him both feasible employment as well as living quarters for him and his small family. In addition, Mr. Bajabu's wife is a trained midwife, fully capable of supporting her family with her own income.

² His various skills and business ideas are described at length in his statement as well as the statement of his Personal Representative.