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Re: Statement by Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, Private Counsel for Salman Yahya Hassan
Mohammad Rabei'i (ISN 508)

Esteemed Periodic Review Board Members,

My name is Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, and it is my privilege to represent Mr. Salman Rabei'i in this proceeding.

As Mr. Rabei'i's Personal Representative has stated, we very strongly believe that there are a variety of material changes to Mr. Rabei'i's case that warrant a full review by this Board. First among them is Mr. Rabei'i's sincere and eager desire to fully answer questions left unanswered in his first Board, as well as to provide additional information pertaining to his case that the Board has not yet heard.

Second among the changes that are relevant to this Board is his representation. The fact of new counsel comes with it divergent legal guidance, in addition to the promise of post-release support that Mr. Rabei'i otherwise lacked. As Reprieve's client, Mr. Rabei'i will be the beneficiary of our "Life After Guantánamo" program, which provides a host of vital support mechanisms that carry our clients through the stages of re-integration.

This is a program that serves the interests of each relevant stakeholder—the client needs the help, and we (the United States) want the client to do well. For several clients who were resettled and repatriated by both Administrations, we worked with the State Department and host governments on transition plans for clients; we have served as an ongoing point of contact for local authorities; we have facilitated financial support and referrals for needs ranging from job placement to mental health care.

Over the life of the program, we have served over 38 former Guantánamo detainees in 18 countries, visiting 17 detainees and families in their home or host countries in 2015, alone. Our program boasts a zero percent recidivism rate. We would of course offer the same assistance to Mr. Rabei'i and fully expect the same result.

Thank you for taking into consideration the information we have provided. We respectfully submit that Mr. Rabei'i's case warrants a full hearing so that the Board can thoroughly review the aforementioned considerable developments. I remain at your disposal to assist with any questions you may have regarding Mr. Rabei'i.

Very Truly Yours,

Shelby Sullivan-Bennis
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