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# United States Senate

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February 25, 2004

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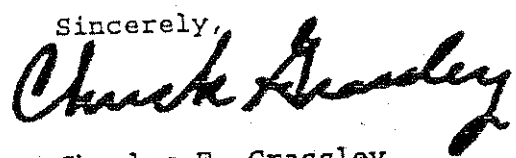
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Dear Mr. Bryant:

Enclosed please find a communication from [REDACTED] regarding torture.

I would appreciate any assistance you could provide pertaining to this matter. Please mark your return correspondence to the attention of Adam Freed when responding to my office.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely,  
  
 Charles E. Grassley  
 United States Senator

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Sen. Chuck Grassley  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510 - 1501

Dear Senator Grassley,

A torture survivor once said that after a person suffers the evil of torture, he can never feel at home in the world again. No one should have to live with this discomfort and burden.

With the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism, a debate of the use of torture to gain information about terrorist activity should be on the lips of every Congress person. With the capture of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, debate seems to be especially lacking.

I've read that the U.S. is sending prisoners, like Mohammed, to other countries to be tortured. This is appalling, shameful and wrong. If the use of torture is justifiable, why have others do our dirty work?

What must happen - and what should happen in a democratic society - is the Administration must stop using foreign countries to torture our prisoners, disclose what methods will and have been used, open the subject to debate, and let the People ultimately decide.

We cannot let the use of torture to go unchecked and unquestioned. While the "ticking bomb" scenario is used to justify some use of torture, I think we have to ask ourselves where does it end? Should we torture a terrorist's four year-old daughter to get information out of him?

I'm afraid a slippery slope will be created, and we will fall into using torture unnecessarily.

Senator, I ask you to call for debate on this issue and come out against the use of torture in all but the most extreme cases.

Sincerely,



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