



H.E. Princess Reema Bandar Al-Saud
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20037



Dear Ambassador,

Loujain al-Hathloul, is a prominent women’s rights activist and human rights defender, who is well-known for her campaigning against the ban on women driving in Saudi Arabia, and for the end of the male guardianship system. She has been arbitrarily detained by the Saudi government since May 17, 2018.

For the first 10 months of her detention, Loujain was held without charges. During the first 3 months, she was detained incommunicado with no access to her family or lawyer, and was reportedly tortured, sexually abused, and the subject of other ill-treatment while in detention.

We urge the Saudi Arabian government to drop all the charges against her and to immediately and unconditionally release Loujain al-Hathloul. She is a prisoner of conscience, jailed solely for her peaceful human rights work. Pending her release, please ensure that she has regular contact with her family and a lawyer of her own choice. We also urge you to allow independent monitors into the prison to investigate allegations of torture, ill-treatment, and sexual abuse, as well as to allow foreign diplomats and journalists access to the trial sessions.

Sincerely,

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