

Subject: Bring Hassan Diab back to Canada

Dear _____,

I am writing to you about the case of Dr. Hassan Diab, a Canadian citizen and sociology professor who was unjustly extradited from Canada to France in November 2014. Since then, he has been locked up in a French prison cell over 20 hours a day, deprived of his freedom and torn from his home and family in Canada.

I urge you to press for the immediate release of Dr. Hassan Diab on bail, as France's own investigative judges have ordered, and work towards securing his return to Canada.

Hassan was extradited based solely on a discredited handwriting analysis report. The Canadian extradition judge described the report as "illogical", "very problematic", and "convoluted". However, the judge stated that the low threshold for evidence under Canada's extradition law left him no choice but to commit Dr. Diab to extradition.

The French judge in charge of investigating the case found "consistent evidence" supporting Dr. Diab's innocence, and concluded that Hassan could not have been in France at the time of the 1980 bombing. Dr. Diab was ordered released on bail SIX times by various French judges. However, the French prosecutor appealed each time, and the Court of Appeal overturned every release order.

William Bourdon, Hassan's lawyer in France, noted that it is "unprecedented" in France to have multiple release orders of investigative judges overturned by the Court of Appeal. "After 36 years and since no one else was indicted, the court of appeal is clinging to Hassan Diab. He is detained because of fear of being accused of laxity in the context of today's fight against terrorism in France. Such a situation would be inconceivable in an ordinary law situation."

Dr. Hassan Diab is innocent. His fingerprints, palm prints, and physical description do not match those of the suspect. He is not an anti-Semite, and he strongly condemns all forms of bigotry and violence. Hassan must not face life in prison for a crime that he did not commit and that runs contrary to everything he has ever stood for.

Dr. Diab's continued incarceration is wholly unjust. It is past time for the Canadian government to come to the aid of a Canadian citizen and end this travesty of justice. I urge you to heed the calls of human rights and civil liberties organisations like [Amnesty International Canada](#) and [CCLA](#), and take immediate steps to ensure Dr. Diab is granted bail and returned to his home and family in Canada.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Phone number