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The Honourable David Lametti
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
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Dear Mr. Lametti,

I have long been concerned about the extradition of Dr. Hassan Diab to France in 2014, where he spent more than three years in detention with no charges being laid before he was allowed to return to Canada in 2018.

A confidential memo obtained by [CBC News revealed](#) that more than a flawed extradition law was at play. Department of Justice (DOJ) lawyers actively campaigned to have France come up with new “evidence” as the case against Dr. Diab was falling apart. The DOJ lawyers pretended not to know why France had asked for lengthy extensions in the extradition hearing when in fact the delays were caused by the lawyers’ urging of French authorities to find more “evidence” to shore up the case. Of even greater concern, exculpatory fingerprint analysis that could have helped clear Dr. Diab was never shared with the defence or with the Canadian extradition judge.

I join Amnesty International Canada, the BC Civil Liberties Association, the Canadian Association of University Teachers, and other civil society and human rights groups in [calling for a thorough and independent public inquiry](#) into Dr. Diab’s extradition.

An internal review by the Department of Justice is not sufficient. As noted in an [open letter](#), dated May 2, 2018, by Amnesty International Canada and the BCCLA to the Ministers of Justice and Global Affairs:

“Given the revelations that Canadian government lawyers may be directly implicated in the shortcomings, failures and possible wrongdoing that led to his [Hassan Diab’s] extradition, it is clearly not appropriate for this to go forward as a largely internal review carried out by the very Department that may be responsible for transgressions... We urge you to move quickly to appoint an independent commissioner to conduct a thorough and public inquiry into Dr. Diab’s case, ensuring that the person appointed has full access to and powers to compel disclosure of any and all relevant information.”

The problems inherent in Canada’s Extradition Act, coupled with actions by DOJ lawyers, led to Hassan’s wrongful extradition. Please empower an independent commissioner to begin the process of investigating this tragic miscarriage of justice, so no other Canadian would go through what Dr. Diab had to go through.

Sincerely,

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