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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Dear Mr. Trudeau,

I urge you to bear in mind the travesty of justice faced by Hassan Diab, and to call a public inquiry into his extradition to France and the overall failings of Canada's extradition system.

Dr. Diab, a Canadian university professor and father, was extradited to France based on weak, confusing evidence. He spent more than three years in prison in France, often in solitary confinement, without charge. He was finally released when French judges found he was not even in France on the day of the attack and dismissed the case.

Dr. Diab is thankfully back in Canada, but since his return disturbing reports have surfaced about the ways Canadian government lawyers acted throughout the extradition proceedings. These include aiding France with its case, and withholding important information and evidence from both the defence and the judge. Unfortunately, the "external review" initiated by your government in 2018 to examine these issues did little to address these concerns, and did not make recommendations that will prevent future injustices.

In light of all this, there is no other solution but to call for a public inquiry.

I am asking that you take the following steps:

Immediately initiate a full, public inquiry into Dr. Diab's extradition and Canada's Extradition Act.

In your mandate letter to Minister of Justice David Lametti, include a clear statement of the government's support for such an inquiry, its commitment to transparency and accountability in the case of Dr. Diab, its commitment to reforming the Extradition Act based on the findings of the inquiry, and the need for the full cooperation and support of the Justice Minister and DOJ employees.

Protecting the rights of people facing extradition must be a priority in your new government. I hope you will take action accordingly.

Sincerely,

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