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Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary,

I would like to add my voice to the many urging you to intervene to prevent the extradition of Gary McKinnon to the US. It alarms me that a vulnerable individual such as Mr McKinnon might face trial and a lengthy prison sentence in a high security prison in the US.

As you are aware, Mr McKinnon has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and the consequences of extradition for his mental and physical health are considerable. There is legal precedent to refuse the extradition order, provided there is compelling evidence that extradition would have a negative and severe impact on the individual concerned. I believe this to be the case with regard to Gary McKinnon. Moreover, he was based in the UK when he hacked into the US systems and has never carried out any hacking whilst on US soil. Surely under these circumstances he should face trial here in the UK?

I also believe that under the European Convention on Human Rights, Mr McKinnon has the right to his case against extradition being heard by the supreme court of England and Wales and trust that the Home Office will ensure this right is properly upheld.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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