

The Honorable President Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

December 21, 2022

Re: Commute Veteran Daniel Everette Hale's Sentence

Dear President Biden:

We, the undersigned human and civil rights organizations, write in support of U.S. Air Force veteran Daniel Everette Hale's petition for executive clemency. We urge you to commute the remainder of his sentence.

Mr. Hale was sentenced to 45 months in prison in July 2021 after he pled guilty to violating a single count of the Espionage Act by releasing information about the U.S. drone warfare program. He has since served his sentence at USP Marion in Illinois at a highly restrictive Communications Management Unit ("CMU"), designed to house individuals the government perceives as "dangerous" and "high-risk."

President Biden, Mr. Hale should not be punished any further than he has been already by being incarcerated at the CMU. By pleading guilty, Mr. Hale took full responsibility for his actions. He said to the court: "I am here because I stole something that was never mine to take — precious human life. I couldn't keep living in a world in which people pretend that things weren't happening that were. Please, your honor, forgive me for taking papers instead of human lives." The decision Mr. Hale made was motivated by his moral duty to this country and his desire to be honest and truthful.

Mr. Hale's release of information did not endanger anyone. Instead, it revealed the inaccuracies of the drone program's targeting that your administration has since worked tirelessly to correct through your recent Presidential Policy Memorandum. The information he released about infamous, secret watchlists have also assisted American citizens in protecting their hard-fought constitutional rights.

We urge you to show mercy to a young man at the prime of his life, President Biden. Mr. Hale has a completely clean record at USP Marion. If he re-enters society now, we believe that he will flourish and be an asset to his community, especially with the strengthened health care and benefits that your administration has secured for

veterans. He has a strong network of friends, family, veterans, and more to welcome him home with open arms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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