Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I write to ask that you support human rights in Bahrain by speaking up on behalf of Dr. Abdujalil al-Singace and all prisoners of conscience currently suffering under torture and mistreatment there. Dr. Singace is a professor of engineering, a prominent blogger, and a human rights and political activist who has been sentenced to life in prison by the Government of Bahrain.

Dr. Singace is a well-known leader and member of Al-Wefaq and the Haq Movement for Liberty and Democracy, two of Bahrain’s main political societies. Dr. Singace was arrested in 2011 for his participation in the peaceful protest movement. During his initial detention, he was confined to a 1 x 3 meter cell and subjected to torture and ill-treatment, including sexual assault, beatings, and prolonged solitary confinement. Dr. Singace, who lost the use of one leg from childhood polio, was also subjected to prolonged periods of forced standing. He was tried in the National Safety Court in June 2011 and sentenced to life in prison for allegedly plotting to overthrow the government, despite his consistent and well-known history of peaceful political activism.

As your constituent, I request that you utilize the platform I helped you achieve with my vote and present a minute-long floor speech about Dr. Singace’s case and his status as one of many political prisoners arbitrarily detained and tortured by the Government of Bahrain.

As you may know, the people of Bahrain continue to struggle for human rights protections and basic democratic freedoms nearly two years after taking to the streets to peacefully protest social, political, and economic disparities in Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain often meets these protests with violence, repression, and intimidation. Although the Government of Bahrain made some progress in implementing reforms following the initial uprising in 2011, many independent observers now believe the human rights situation in Bahrain has gotten worse. The United States government has an obligation to ensure that its allies in the region uphold basic human rights such as the rights to peaceful association, assembly and speech.

For that reason, I also ask that you, in your capacity as a public figure, make a statement to the press or write an op-ed to bring media exposure to Dr. Singace’s situation. I am attaching forthwith a one-page document detailing Dr. Singace’s profile and history as a human rights activist and prisoner of conscience for your reference.

I urge you to send a strong signal that the United States does not condone the arbitrary detention and torture of peaceful demonstrators and human rights activist by making a statement on the record and in the media.

Sincerely,

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