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February 4, 2009

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, DC

Dear President Obama:

I commend you on your decision to close the Department of Defense detainment facilities in the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

While some of the detainees held by the Department of Defense in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base have been released or transferred to a third country, some individuals have committed offenses against the United States for which they should be prosecuted. As they await lawful trials, these individuals still need to be detained.

On January 22, 2009, you issued an Executive Order establishing a Special Task Force on Detainee Disposition to identify lawful options for the dispositions of individuals captured or apprehended in connection with armed conflicts and counter terrorism operations. The Special Task Force is responsible for finding lawful replacement facilities domestically and abroad for detainees.

As you explore potential sites for domestically relocating individuals currently detained by the Department of Defense in its facilities at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, I wish to propose a vacant prison in Manistique, Michigan as a replacement. Located in Upper Michigan, the vacant prison, commonly known as Camp Manistique, opened in June 1993 with a capacity for 216 prisoners and 49 employees. It closed its doors on October 20, 2007 due to budget cuts by the State.

According to the Michigan Department of Correction, Camp Manistique is a well-maintained facility and sits on 30.297 acres and borders a property line with rail spur installed for transportation.

As the Special Task Force on Detainee Disposition undertake the considerable challenge of relocating detainees from the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to lawful domestic and foreign facilities, I encourage you to consider Camp Manistique as a competitive choice. I look forward to working with you to find a safe, secure, and legal facility for detainees from the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

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Thank you for consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (202) 225-4735.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Stupak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Bart Stupak  
Member of Congress

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cc: Attorney General Eric Holder, Co-Chair, Special Task Force on Detainee Disposition  
Secretary Robert Gates, Co-Chair, Special Task Force on Detainee Disposition