This has been a very long journey for our entire family, and we are relieved and hopeful for this next chapter for our brother and son, Majid. We are proud of Majid’s commitment to cooperating with U.S. authorities over the past decade and his acceptance of responsibility.

We promise to the Biden administration to give whatever support it needs as it works to resettle Majid in a safe third country where he can be reunited with his wife and daughter and begin his next chapter in peace and with opportunity.

Amidst our relief over these very positive developments is also an extraordinary and indescribable pain from hearing directly from Majid the horrible treatment he received by U.S. government officials. We hope that just as Majid has been held accountable for his actions, so too one day will the U.S. officials who tortured him. These were crimes committed against him.

On behalf of the families of all the men detained at Guantanamo, we want to emphasize how hard and cruel it is for us to not know if or when our loved ones will ever be released. We are blessed to know that Majid will be transferred at the end of his sentence. But the families of 38 other men do not. They are not able to see and hug their loved ones the way we were able to do this week after 18 years.

Guantanamo Bay is no ordinary prison and it must be closed.

The Khan Family