

Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General,

I am writing to you regarding the well-known case of Julian Assange, whose extradition you are seeking on the grounds of publishing classified material.

Since 2019, Julian Assange has remained detained in a UK maximum-security prison based on a US extradition request on charges that stem directly from the publication of documents disclosed to him as part of his work with Wikileaks. The UK High Court has confirmed a two-day hearing on 20–21 February 2024 in what could be Julian Assange's final appeal in the UK against his extradition to the United States.

I firmly oppose Julian Assange being extradited to the USA. I believe he would be at real risk of serious human rights violations and an unfair trial. His publication of disclosed documents as part of his work with Wikileaks should not be punishable under the USA's Espionage Act, as his publishing activity mirrors conduct that investigative journalists and publishers undertake regularly in their professional capacity. I therefore urge you to drop the charges against Julian Assange that stem solely from his publishing activities with Wikileaks.

Yours sincerely,

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