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Dear Conferees:

The National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs (NCTTP) respectfully urges you to retain – unmodified – the critical language regarding the treatment of detainees that is in the final FY 2006 Defense Appropriations bill.

The FY 2006 Defense Appropriations bill passed by the Senate contains specific language that requires the application of standards outlined in the US Army Field Manual to prohibit cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment of persons under the custody or control of the United States Government.

NCTTP is a membership group made up of nonprofit organizations, located across the US that devotes resources to the care of torture survivors. Because of our unique mission, we know first-hand the ramifications of torture, and advocate for the protection of human rights from a unique position – one of both healing and of reclaiming civic leadership.

Given recent concerns about treatment of detainees in Iraq, Guantanamo, and Afghanistan, we believe it is important to reaffirm that the United States does not nor will not condone torture. Torture is not an effective or efficient producer of reliable information. It is only effective at generating fear and rage, both in the individuals tortured and in their broader communities.

Again, we urge you to retain – **unmodified** – the McCain amendment on treatment of detainees in the FY 2006 Defense Department Authorization. Torture is un-American and unacceptable, and it is our hope that your support of this position and legislation will reaffirm this.

Respectfully,

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