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**Bay Area Residents Deliver Life-Size Guantanamo Cage to  
Legislators; Call for Filibuster Against Torture “Compromise”  
Act Against Torture Calls on Feinstein, Boxer, and Pelosi to Reject Republican Proposals,  
Push for Real Justice for Detainees**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 -- Act Against Torture members and other Bay Area residents, dressed in orange jumpsuits, will visit the San Francisco offices of Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and Nancy Pelosi today to present them with a life-size replica of the cells in which Guantanamo detainees are imprisoned.

They will call on the legislators to take strong action, including a filibuster in the Senate, to resist the Republican “compromise” that authorizes the president to issue his own interpretations of the Geneva Convention, to continue practices such as exposing prisoners to hypothermia and sleep deprivation, to confine prisoners indefinitely without charges, and to strip them of the basic right to appeal to a court.

The group will meet at 8:30 am outside the office of Senator Dianne Feinstein (One Post St.) proceed to the office of Rep. Nancy Pelosi (450 Golden Gate Ave.) at 10:45 am, and then to the office of Sen. Barbara Boxer (1700 Montgomery St.) at 12:45 pm.

“For five years, Bush’s government has been kidnapping people with no real connection to terrorism; holding them in secret prisons without charges, evidence or access to the courts; and brutalizing them physically and psychologically. And Congress has stood by and let it happen,” said event organizer Sasha Wright. “We are bringing our representatives this cage because we want them to understand what US detainees are going through – and take action to end America’s policy of torturing and ‘disappearing’ prisoners.”

Event participants will also present the legislators with a set of written demands, urging them to strongly oppose the “compromise” legislation and instead stand up for the basic human rights of all prisoners in US custody. The protestors call for a complete ban on torture and indefinite or secret detention, and immediate release and reparations for most detainees, against whom the US has no credible evidence. If the government has genuine evidence that some detainees were directly involved in terrorism, such as the 14 prisoners President Bush mentioned in his recent address, the group advocates turning those prisoners over to the International Criminal Court and disclose all evidence against them.

*Act Against Torture is a coalition of Bay Area community members working to abolish torture and indefinite detention, to end U.S. intervention in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to prevent future wars. AAT coordinated the March 20, 2006, direct action at Senator Feinstein’s office, calling for an end to the Iraq war on its third anniversary.*

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