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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FIVE MAJOR US COMPANIES

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To Whom it May Concern (It should be you):

I am an attorney representing Waleed Abu Al-Khair, an imprisoned Saudi human rights attorney. Waleed has been unjustly sentenced to 15 years in prison for advocating for human rights in Saudi Arabia. He is the founder of the [Monitor of Human Rights in Saudi Arabia](#), an organization dedicated to the advancement of human rights in one of your most important markets. While I don't actually expect you to respond to this letter, I do hope that you will consider the impact of doing business with governments who brutalize their own citizens simply because they speak-up and defend the human rights of their fellow citizens.

I am writing to you to appeal to your sense of honor and respect for human rights. As you know, your firm is an active exporter of arms and weapons to Saudi Arabia. Because you profit handsomely from it, we know that it is perhaps too large a request to ask that you cease supplying weapons to a country that has been identified as one of the worst human rights offenders in our time. However, I hope you will take to heart the grim circumstances to which

Waleed and many human rights activists like him have been subjected in Saudi Arabia. Perhaps you will even be moved to help support his family.

Waleed was a successful lawyer and defender of human rights in Saudi Arabia before his arrest. Now in prison, he is no longer able to support his wife and daughter. He cannot even provide the funds necessary for his daughter's education. We are not asking that you actually cease profiting from doing business with a country which imprisons those who peacefully advocate for democracy, [hacks off the limbs of its citizens](#) like [this](#), and, like Waleed's client, Raif Badawi, who wrote a blog calling for democratic reforms, [lashes them in public squares](#). We merely ask for your support of Waleed's family. He is a loving father and supporter of his family. His unjust arrest has left a hole not only in the hearts and minds of his family, but also their finances.

Currently, Waleed is suffering from increasingly severe symptoms of diabetes and has not received necessary medical treatment while in prison. He has been subjected to multiple beatings and has been denied basic medical care while incarcerated. The most recent United States Department of State [report](#) on Saudi Arabian human rights violations confirms that "officials resort to mental or psychological abuse of detainees" in the very prison in which Waleed is being held.

That same U.S. Department of State report identifies Waleed, at Section 2a, as a prime example of the Saudi government's persecution of human rights activists. Waleed has been transferred from a prison close to his home, where his wife and daughter could visit him, to a prison more than 1000 kilometers away.

There have been calls from around the world to release Waleed. Please visit our [briefing book on Waleed](#) to see the wide range of support. Waleed was recently recognized with Europe's most prestigious human rights award, the [20th Lodovic-Trarieux Human Rights International Prize](#), first given to Nelson Mandela in 1985. It is clear that the human rights community around the world is rallying in support of Waleed. Won't you as well?

Many companies, including each of those noted above, have addressed the ethics of their company's behavior. We hope to be able to include you on the list of firms who stand-up for what's right and help to right the wrongs which your partner in commerce continues to commit.

Waleed's daughter is now just over a year old. Her name is Jaud, which, remarkably, means "generosity" in Arabic. We want to be able to guarantee that Jaud is able to continue her education and perhaps follow in her father's footsteps in the pursuit of justice and freedom. We are asking that you help to establish an educational fund for Waleed's daughter. You could do this by using a tiny part of the profits you have earned from selling weapons and arms to a country known for denying basic human rights. Should you decide to contribute, you may forward your check payable to the "Fund for Waleed Abu Al-Khair's Daughter" to the address at

the top of this letter. If we are successful in this effort, perhaps one day, she will become an attorney like her father and work to free her own father and those like him from prison.

We are excited to work with you and other similarly situated companies to ensure that Jaud finds success in her life. I am sure that you share the same hope for your own children as they grow up in this country enjoying a life made possible in part by profits derived from the sale of weapons to repressive regimes like Saudi Arabia. We also welcome any pressure you may be able to exert on the Saudi Arabian government for Waleed's immediate release. Your ability to influence the Saudi's, if you have the will to use that influence, should not be underestimated.

We earnestly hope that you will decide to do the right thing in this important matter. The world is watching.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel N. Arshack", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel N. Arshack