

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President Of The United States  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: *Pardon Request for John C. Kiriakou*

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned unreservedly urge you to consider pardoning CIA whistleblower John C. Kiriakou — a victim of the Obama Administration’s weaponization of the criminal law.

1. Mr. Kiriakou was convicted under the 1982 Intelligence Identities Protection Act. As a Senator, former President Joe Biden voiced doubt about the Act’s constitutionality. The government was unable to show that Mr. Kiriakou’s isolated disclosure to a journalist caused or threatened harm to the United States. The law’s application to Mr. Kiriakou was thus most likely unconstitutional.
2. Motivated by personal antagonism, CIA Director John Brennan engineered Mr. Kiriakou’s conviction. Among other things, Mr. Brennan clamored for prosecution under the Espionage Act, despite conceding in writing the absence of any evidentiary foundation for the charge.
3. Mr. Kiriakou was the victim of flagrant selective prosecution far worse than the bogus claim concocted to justify Hunter Biden’s pardon. Former CIA Director Leon Panetta, for example, recklessly revealed the name of the Navy Seal Team 6 unit and ground commander responsible for the killing of Osama bin Laden without even a rap on the knuckles.
4. Mr. Kiriakou more than amply repaid the United States for his victimless, innocuous crime with 30 months’ imprisonment.
5. Mr. Kiriakou’s pardon will encourage others to expose abuse in the intelligence community.

We are confident that you will advance the cause of justice.

Sincerely,

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