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Dear Prince Mohammad bin Salman,

Congratulations on the many reforms you have successfully brought to your country.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of Los Angeles Press Club and on behalf of its distinguished Board of Directors.

We are imploring you to release Raif Badawi who has been imprisoned in your country since 2012 and sentenced to 1,000 lashes that--if carried out-- will surely kill him.

As one of America's leading journalistic organizations our mission is to defend the free press everywhere. A country's level of civilization is measured in the way the press is able to do its job without governmental interference. As a reformist we are sure you understand and agree with this.

The inhumane imprisonment of Raif Badawi can only be righted in one way— please free Raif Badawi and send a message to the world that modern Saudi Arabia believes in freedom of expression for all.

The Los Angeles Press Club is bestowing Raif Badawi with the 2018 *Daniel Pearl Award for Courage and Integrity in Journalism* on June 24 here in Los Angeles. It would be a tremendous gesture of good will if he would be freed in time to join his wife and children to accept the award.

Sincerely

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