Honorable Chris Alexander / House of Commons
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A6

Montreal, (date)

Re : Request for an exemption from inadmissibility for M. Djaber Kalibi

Honorable minister,

My name is …. and I am …. I am writing today to state my support for the rehabilitation request presented by M. Djaber Kalibi. I am asking you to grant him a ministerial exemption in order for him to be allowed to visit Canada, where he was living for nine years prior to being removed.

It is my belief that the grounds for M. Kalibi’s removal were unfair. M. Kalibi was already punished 30 years ago in France for the offence that he committed. The “crime” for which he was found guilty was downgraded to a misdemeanour by the French Court of Appeal. M. Kalibi was subsequently granted French citizenship.

It is highly regrettable that Canada persists in penalizing Djaber Kalibi for actions committed thirty years ago in a specific geopolitical context. If Canada considers Iran as a “rogue state”, why is the government choosing to punish pro-democracy activists who are organizing against its authoritarian regime?

Djaber Kalibi is now 78 years old. His record in Canada and in France is pristine. We cannot for one moment conceive that the presence of M. Kalibi in Canada would pose a threat to the public. For these reasons, I am urging the Canadian government to exempt M. Kalibi from the inadmissibility order.

Sincerely

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