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## TCP Heralds Release of Uighurs from Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Constitution Project welcomed the announcement today that two Chinese Muslims -- known as Uighurs -- were released from detention at Guantanamo Bay by the Department of Defense for settlement in El Salvador.

"The news that the unlawful detention of these two individuals has finally ended is long overdue," said Virginia Sloan, president of The Constitution Project, a bipartisan legal watchdog group.

"It has been nearly seven years since the U.S. military first determined that the Uighurs were not 'enemy combatants' and, once that determination was made, their continued detention flouted the rule of law and ignored our nation's commitments to the Constitution," Sloan said.

But, Sloan said the release of these two prisoners fails to resolve the fate of the scores of other detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, including additional Uighurs, who have also been determined not to pose a threat to national security.

The Constitution Project has been a leader in the efforts to ensure the release of the Uighurs, including developing political support from across the political spectrum for their release and filing *amici curiae* briefs in several court cases.

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