



TCP Reacts to Administration Policy on Indefinite Detention

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WASHINGTON – The Constitution Project (TCP) released a statement in reaction to media reports that the Obama Administration may be issuing an executive order that would establish a regular review process for Guantanamo detainees who will not be released or tried.

According to TCP Policy Counsel Mason C. Clutter, "Providing a system of periodic review for the Guantanamo detainees is a step in the right direction. However, indefinite detention without charge is a step in the wrong direction and that new policy should be limited to those who can be held consistent with the laws of war."

Ms. Clutter went on to note, "Our concern is that we don't want this executive order to create an overarching system of indefinite detention that would encompass those already detained and those who would be captured in the future. A system of indefinite detention is not consistent with our constitutional values or the rule of law."

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