

# Center for the Victims of Torture

## Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists

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### Public Facing Advocacy Writing

**ST. PAUL, Minn. & WASHINGTON** Outraged that the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) today approved Gina Haspels nomination to CIA director, the Center for Victims of Torture™ (CVT) called on the full Senate to stand with millions of torture survivors around the world by voting no on Ms. Haspels confirmation when the question is put before all Senators in the coming days.

Committee members who voted for Ms. Haspel, and those who have announced their support, will find themselves on the wrong side of history. Ms. Haspel was deeply complicit in torture, deeply complicit in covering it up, and to this day remains personally responsible for the near-total secrecy that surrounds her background, including refusing to release information that we know is damaging to her nomination. Her unwillingness even to say that the brutal torture the CIA perpetrated was immoral is nothing short of reprehensible.

Most senators still have the chance to stand with approximately 1.3 million torture survivors living in the United States and millions more worldwide, with [109 retired military leaders](#) and [115 former ambassadors](#), with [faith leaders](#), [elected officials](#) and [others](#) in rejecting torture by voting no on Ms. Haspels confirmation. We urge them to make their voices heard; to state loudly and clearly that there must be at least some measure of accountability for the unspeakable horrors in which Ms. Haspel participated.

Curt Goering, CVT executive director

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