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The Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) released the following statement after Gina Haspels testimony today in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee regarding her nomination as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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For 20 years CJA has worked with torture survivors from Cambodia to El Salvador. Weve seen how the legacy of torture remains a dark spot in a countrys history, often leading to a culture of violence and distrust. The intelligence committee must wake up to the fact that Ms. Haspels acknowledged involvement in torture is reason enough to disqualify her from consideration for the position of CIA Director, said C. Dixon Osburn, Executive Director of the [Center for Justice and Accountability](#).

It is well-documented that in addition to [supporting torture](#), including waterboarding, Ms. Haspel participated in the destruction of videotapes showing the torture of U.S. prisoners, Osburn continued. Torture is against the law and the United States cannot reward anyone involved in torture. Period. If the American public cannot trust its representatives to exercise sound judgment on a matter clearly banned by the Geneva Conventions, how can we trust the official to carry out any responsibilities with the duty of care such posts require? The Senate must oppose her nomination and make a statement to the world that the book on torture is closed.

At todays hearing, Gina Haspel revealed further concerning facts about her role and perspective related to the torture of detainees following 9/11 including:

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About the Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA)

CJA is a San Francisco-based human rights organization. CJAs mission is to deter torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other severe human rights abuses around the world through innovative litigation, policy, and transitional justice strategies. CJA partners with victims and survivors in pursuit of truth, justice, and redress. Visit www.cja.org.



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and none of them will ever know who is next."***