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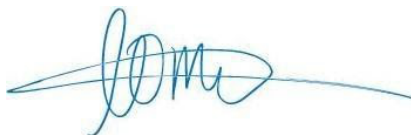
Dear Princess Reema,

On June 24, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will celebrate the second anniversary of the official licensing of women drivers, marking a significant milestone in the country's social and economic development. On August 2, 2019, your government also [announced](#) that women would now have the right to obtain passports and travel internationally without permission from male guardians, as well as the opportunity to own and operate businesses. We welcome these important and overdue recognitions of women's rights, but still retain grave concerns about the conditions of women in Saudi Arabia.

We write to request a meeting with your Excellency on another aspect of the Kingdom's commitment to fairness for women. Specifically, we would like to discuss the status of the cases of the women Saudi activists who, after being arrested in May and June 2018 following their longstanding advocacy to secure women's and human rights, are still facing trials marked by a [lack of due process](#). These women, including [Loujain al-Hathloul, Nouf Abdulaziz, and Eman al-Nafjan](#), among others, continue to face detention, house arrest, and criminal charges. We would like to receive updates on their trial hearings, imprisonment status, and the charges against them, as well as their health, safety, and ability to regularly communicate with family members and legal counsel.

In addition, we would like to discuss what steps the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is taking to safeguard the health of its inmates, including these prisoners of conscience, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the Kingdom initially [released](#) 250 foreign detainees in March, the coronavirus pandemic poses unmatched threats to the world's incarcerated, men and women alike, and we would appreciate updates on your plans to prevent continued outbreaks in prisons.

Sincerely,



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