



United States Senate

February 4, 2020

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Wolf:

This is to urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to immediately return Oumar Yaide from Chad to the United States.

On December 18, 2019, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer ordered DHS to return Mr. Yaide to the United States "as soon as practically possible" because the deportation violated due process. It has been over one month since that order, and DHS has still not returned Mr. Yaide to the United States. This is unacceptable.

Mr. Yaide lived in California for over a decade, and he fears persecution in Chad on account of his sexual orientation. As the State Department warns, Chad has a poor human rights record and has criminalized homosexuality.

Further delay exposes Mr. Yaide to serious risk. Any action taken by DHS to force Mr. Yaide to contact the government of Chad to facilitate his travel puts his life in danger.

Simply put, DHS must comply with the court order and return Mr. Yaide to the United States as soon as possible. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: Senator Lindsey O. Graham