

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr President,

We are writing to you with deep concern for the safety of Mr Lauri Love (born December 14, 1984) who is facing extradition to the United States for his alleged involvement in digital civil disobedience in 2013.

If Mr Love has committed a crime, he should be prosecuted and justice should be served. However, following meetings with Mr Love, his immediate family and advisors, we believe that if he is extradited, there is a great probability that he will end his own life. This has been confirmed by eminent medical experts.

Mr Love has a long history of serious mental health issues, depression and some episodes of psychosis and significantly has a diagnosis of a form of autism namely Asperger Syndrome. Furthermore, Mr Love suffers from severe eczema which is anxiety related and antibiotic resistant. Mr Love takes regular courses of steroids to keep this under control and as his parents stated in court Mr Love has to take hour long baths every night to manage this chronic dermatological condition.

Consequently, there is significant concern that Mr Love's physical and mental well-being would deteriorate and become unmanageable if he were extradited. We have no doubt in mind that there will be potentially fatal consequences if the United States chooses to pursue this extradition and prohibit Mr Love from facing a full prosecution in his home country.

The UK has prosecuted at least twelve computer hackers who have hacked US-based computer systems. Indeed, Mr Love would be the first UK-based computer hacker to be extradited and denied the opportunity to face a full prosecution in the UK. The UK criminal justice system is equipped to bring justice through sentencing and rehabilitating people who are adjudged to have committed these crimes. Many of these twelve cases did not involve individuals who have significant mental health issues, nor Asperger Syndrome and were not at a high-risk of suicide, yet they were not extradited. We would like to ask, why then is the United States insistent on Mr Love's extradition despite the UK having a proven track record of appropriately sentencing and rehabilitating individuals who have committed computer hacking offences against the US?

The UK District Judge accepted that Mr Love would be at a very high-risk of taking his own life if he were to be extradited. In contrast, Mr Love has the potential to return to life as a productive member of society and is already peer-mentoring at a university while completing his degree.

We would ask you to intervene in this case by withdrawing the extradition order and allow his case to be heard in the criminal justice system in the UK. You would be acting to prevent this vulnerable and mentally unwell man from being placed in a situation where he will most probably take his own life.

Mr Love should face prosecution for any crimes committed in his own country where his suicide-risk is exponentially reduced. We urge you to carry out an act of compassion in your final days as President by withdrawing Mr Love's extradition warrant.

Yours sincerely,

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