To Hon Karen Andrews MP

Minister for Home Affairs

Appeal for the release of 'Medevac refugees'

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Since December last year, about half of us have been released on bridging visas into the Australian community.

Although it was said that it was government policy for the Medevac transferees to be progressively released, since February no one has been released. Around 100 of us remain held in detention. Some of us are still separated from our families who are living in Australia.

No-one can tell us why?

There is no difference between those who have been released and those of us who are still being held in detention. Some are in hotels in Melbourne, Brisbane and Darwin; others are in detention centres in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. Eight years of our life has gone. Although we were brought to Australia for medical treatment, our physical and mental health is suffering.

We are asking for you to use your discretionary power to release us into the community.

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