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Dear ACLU Supporter,

Finally, the Bush administration system of injustice is starting to fall apart.

In a stunning blow to the administration's failed detention policies, the Supreme Court ruled today in *Boumediene v. Bush* that the U.S. Constitution applies to the government's detention policies at Guantánamo Bay. The Court made clear that detainees held at Guantánamo have a right to challenge their detention through *habeas corpus*.

Habeas corpus is the freedom from being thrown in prison illegally, with no help, no end in sight and no due process. As the ACLU has said all along, no president should ever be given the sole power to call someone an enemy, wave his or her hand, and lock that person away indefinitely.

You have helped the ACLU argue for years that America can be -- and must be -- both safe *and* free. Now, take heart in these words from today's remarkable Supreme Court decision, authored by Justice Anthony Kennedy:

"The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times. Liberty and security can be reconciled; and in our system they are reconciled within the framework of the law."

The ACLU stands ready to stop any effort by the Bush administration to get around this decision. Right now, we need your help to make sure this decision marks the beginning of the end of the reprehensible practices that have been carried out in the name of the American people at Guantánamo Bay, including the failed Military Commissions system.

Thank you for recently signing the ACLU's "Close Guantanamo" petition, calling on America's leaders to put an end to the injustice there. I hope you'll take the opportunity of this important news to [urge your friends and family to sign the petition](#).

The tide is turning. Be part of history by acting now to build on the Supreme Court's clear-cut affirmation of *habeas corpus*. Because, if we do, this can truly be the beginning of the end for all the lawlessness and injustice we've worked so hard to expose and stop.

[Ask your friends and family to sign the petition to Close Guantánamo.](#)

Thank you so much for all the hard work you've done and continue to do in the name of freedom. Today is truly a day for everyone who loves liberty to take heart and redouble our efforts to restore the Constitutional principles so eroded over the last eight years.

Together in freedom,

"The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times."

-- Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote in today's landmark Supreme Court decision.

You've been standing with us in these extraordinary times. And by recently signing our petition calling on America's leaders to close Guantánamo, you've demonstrated your commitment to freedom and justice.

Now is the moment to spur your friends and family to join in taking action by asking them to sign our close Guantánamo petition.

TAKE ACTION!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Romero". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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