

## MEMORANDUM

To: Aryeh Neier  
From: Ann Beeson, Nancy Chang, Sophia Conroy, and Hyon Seo Kwon  
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Subject: National Security and Human Rights Campaign's JEHT Foundation  
Emergency Fund Grant Recommendations

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The National Security and Human Rights Campaign recommends five grants from the JEHT Foundation Emergency Fund.

The **Human Rights First** and **Center for Constitutional Rights** are core Campaign grantees, and we are recommending general support grants, which will give them maximum flexibility during a difficult time. The recommended grant to CCR serves as OSI's match for Moveon.org's internet fundraising effort for selected organizations impacted by JEHT's closure.

We are recommending support for two law school clinics, one at **Yale Law School** and the other at **New York University School of Law**. Yale's National Litigation Project has been a grantee of both the Campaign and Civil Liberties Portfolio. NYU School of Law's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice has engaged in impressive work challenging CIA "black sites" and extraordinary rendition. Although not a current grantee, OSI staff met in 2008 with project staff and had held off on funding the Center's work in the knowledge that JEHT was supporting the project's essential costs.

Finally, we are recommending general support for the **Crimes of War Education Project**, an organization that promotes knowledge and understanding of international humanitarian law among reporters and the general public. While not a grantee of the Campaign, this is a project of great interest that JEHT was funding significantly.

These recommendations advance the Campaign's priorities of restoring an absolute prohibition against torture, ending extraordinary rendition, and closing secret prisons; restoring habeas corpus rights and ending arbitrary and indefinite detention; holding government officials and private military contractors accountable for past abuses and violations of law; and advancing a progressive national security policy that respects civil liberties, human rights, and the rule of law.