**Template**

Hello \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Please mention the name of your elected officials at the local, state, or national level).

Paragraph 1: Within a society, the debate about rights and duties may take a broad scope, considering the different roles and duties of every person. However, the rights are not absolute for any reason in the United States. For example, the right to speech is the basic right of every citizen in the U.S, but no one is allowed to speak against the will of any person. Similarly, no one can slander also. Another reason why the rights are absolute is that many times the right of one citizen comes in conflict with another citizen; therefore, they are not absolute. The US constitution limits and safeguards the rights of others by abbreviating the freedom to the speech of every citizen. It also limits the right to assembly of the citizens. It will also safeguard the rights by giving the right of the petition against the government by the U.S citizen(Wiecek).

Paragraph 2: During the tornado strike in our area. I came to read some stories that reported about the prisoners who are being detained at the Central prison off my state and are not being provided with proper facilities. I read in explanation of the story that the prisoners were not given proper electric supply and they also lack the plumbing facilities of evacuation during the case of emergency. The eight amendment in the U.S constitution underlines the rights of the prisoners. It calls upon to the federal government or the state authorities not to involve themselves in any violation of the prisoners’ rights(Hirsch). Instead, the eighth amendment suggests the continues measures to better the facilities for the prisoners. I think that was inhumane. As the electricity supply was started yet again within some hours, but the prison authorities kept disrupted the electricity flow for much time.

Paragraph 3: I also noted in the news story that the prisoners were treated as if they were responsible for the tornado. For example, despite not resuming the power supplies to the prison, the prisoners were forced to do hard labor. They were asked to take part in the cleaning of the prison, which is not part of their jail schedule. Travis mentions in the Invisible punishment that any such act that is forced over the prisoners to perform might result in the criminal negligence by the government(Travis). This is also part of the eighth amendment that protects the basic rights of the prisoners. I think this is also criminal negligence. The authorities must take proper care of the prisoners, as still they are the U.S citizen and they have the same rights as like other U.S citizens have; except the right of freedom.

The constitution of the U.S provides rights to every person on its land, in one way or another. It calls on to different authorities to assure the timely provision of the rights to every citizen of the U.S. As the constitution protects the rights of each citizen, it must then also be reciprocated by the citizens also.

Yours Sincerely

(Enter your name here)

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