Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 14, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama The President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In the wake of the recent attacks on U.S. Embassies in Egypt, Libya, and throughout the Middle East, we urge you to take swift action to ensure the safety and well-being of U.S. diplomatic personnel while also ensuring that those responsible for these attacks are held accountable and swiftly brought to justice.

Additionally, we urge you to conduct a thorough and swift investigation into the events that led to Cairo U.S. Embassy personnel releasing a statement that was effectively an apology from the U.S. government for the actions of its citizens. This apology implies a justification of the actions by those who attacked our embassy. It is unacceptable that while U.S. diplomatic personnel's lives are at risk, your Administration reiterated this apology. As Members of Congress and as Americans, we cannot and will not tolerate attacks on American citizens.

The apology made by Cairo Embassy personnel is intolerable and sets bad precedent for how we as a nation represent ourselves abroad, especially in hostile regions such as these. As the attacks on U.S. Embassies throughout the Middle East continue, your Administration must deal with this misrepresentation swiftly and accordingly and notify us of any actions taken to hold those accountable who are responsible for the apology.

Sincerely,

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