

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

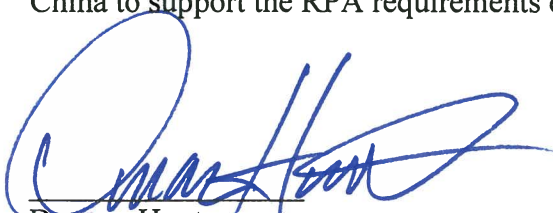
We are writing to request your Administration's support in approving the sale of the MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) platform to Jordan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Despite the complex set of security threats both Jordan and the UAE face, the Obama Administration failed to support formal requests for the MQ-9 Reaper and also a separate request from the UAE for the maritime configured, unweaponized, MQ-9 SeaGuardian. We firmly believe these critical coalition partners require the battlefield-tested capabilities of the MQ-9 to advance U.S. national security objectives both at home and abroad.

The multi-mission MQ-9 is a force enabler, capable of mitigating threats related to the Islamic State, an unpredictable Iran, and the unchecked movement of people, weapons, and supplies to Syria and Yemen. Further, in the hands of our coalition partners, the MQ-9 acts as a force multiplier, reducing the burden on U.S. forces and providing a common operating picture in the Middle East. From a domestic perspective, the sale of the MQ-9 to Jordan and the UAE could result in over \$1B, initially, for the U.S. economy and with 100% of the MQ-9 manufactured in the U.S., it would preserve thousands of U.S. manufacturing jobs. These sales will also support further innovation, research, and development and ensure the U.S. maintains its technological edge over foreign competitors, including China and other countries seeking to develop RPA technology.

In the absence of U.S. government approval, Jordan and the UAE acquired Chinese RPA technology to fulfill their immediate requirements. However, both countries appreciate the importance of a strong bilateral defense relationship with the U.S. and prefer to acquire more capable and interoperable U.S. systems. Both have been unwavering coalition partners, hosting U.S. forces and participating in regional security and counterterrorism operations, particularly against the Islamic State.

It is incumbent upon us to ensure our key partners have the most capable, cost-effective, and interoperable platforms to execute these operations. We urge you to quickly and favorably respond to these asset requests and consider expedited approval to avoid any future reliance on China to support the RPA requirements of our most trusted partners.

Sincerely,



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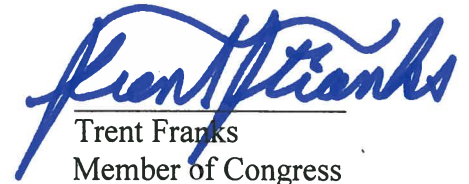
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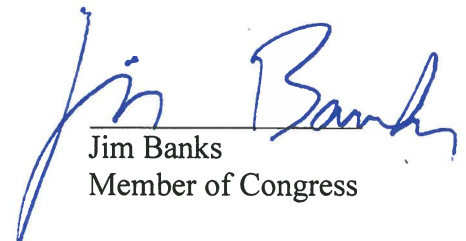
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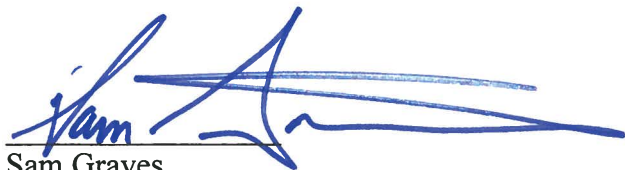
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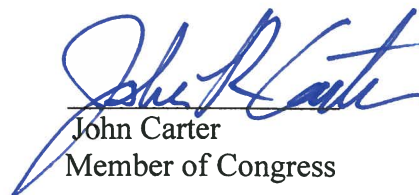
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