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Dear Senator Kerry,

We are really concerned with the ongoing protests in Bahrain, Iran, Yemen and Libya. The governments of these nations have been using machine guns, mercenaries, RPGs and other weapons to suppress these peaceful demonstrations. We believe that our government should assist peoples all over the world in realizing their democratic aspirations.

“We lose ourselves when we compromise the very ideals that we fight to defend. And we honor those ideals by upholding them not when it's easy, but when it is hard.” President Obama's Nobel Lecture

We understand that it may be difficult to turn up the heat on our long time allies in the Middle East and North Africa because we might undermine their credibility. But we still have to stand with the people against oppression or risk losing our moral standing in the Middle East and North Africa. We have to live by the ideals of freedom and liberty, values which our founding fathers fought so hard to preserve, or risk undermining our own moral heritage. There are tough choices to be made. We urge you to make these choices in line with your conscience instead of our purported national interest because our long term interests lies with goodwill of the people and not with the cronies who run those governments. Hence, we urge you to implement the following measures

- 1) Introduce Senate motions condemning the governments' oppression of the people
- 2) Support the democratic aspirations of all peoples throughout the Middle East
- 3) Withdraw our unconditional support for despotic regimes throughout the world
- 4) Leverage on the presence of the Fifth Fleet in Bahraini to pressure the government to enact real political reforms
- 5) Review our relationship with Libya after the government used machine guns and tanks against innocent civilians in Benghazi.
- 6) Increase the intensity of targeted economic sanctions against the Iranian government and freeze the Iranian government's foreign assets
- 7) Review our relationship with Yemen and leverage on your hundreds of millions of dollars of annual military aid to Yemen to pressure the government into enacting political reforms
- 8) Contact all members of the political countries in all states regardless of their perceived friendliness or unfriendliness to American interests in order to align our position with those of their people.

We strongly believe that a speedy implementation of these measures will go a long way in helping to free these oppressed people from the throes of dictatorship and show them the light of liberty.

Yours Sincerely,