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The Honorable Barack H. Obama
The President
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Dear Mr. President:

It was reported earlier today by *The Washington Post* that you are preparing to immediately release six Guantanamo Bay detainees to Yemen and an additional four detainees to Afghanistan -- both dangerously unstable countries wherein al Qaeda freely operates. According to the article, "Yemen's government has been struggling with a civil war in the north, a secessionist movement in the south and humanitarian crises as the economy crumbles. In this void, al-Qaeda has steadily grown, using the nation's vast lawless, rugged terrain as a haven."

I have written you and others in your administration on three occasions imploring you to halt the release of detainees to these countries due to the deteriorating security situations and the dangerous potential for recidivism. I am deeply concerned that American lives will be at risk because of this terrible decision. According to the article, many military and intelligence officials share these concerns.

It is my understanding that the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) may have upwardly revised its recidivism numbers on former Guantanamo Bay detainees that have returned to terrorism, but this information has not been shared with most members of Congress. I hope your administration will not suppress this information. The American people have a right to know the facts about the danger posed by released detainees. Over the past year, I have called on your administration numerous times to declassify this information. You have a moral obligation to share this with the public.

I urge you again to immediately halt the release of these detainees to Yemen and Afghanistan until the American people can be assured that they do not pose a risk to national security.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress