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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Napolitano:

Last Friday I sent the enclosed letter to President Obama concerning his imminent decision about releasing Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay into the United States. I believe this is a dangerous proposition and adamantly oppose their release inside the country.

However, should the president proceed with this course of action, I have a number of questions regarding the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) role. I would appreciate a response to the following questions:

1. What will be the process for DHS to take custody of the Uyghur detainees upon their transfer from Guantanamo Bay?
2. How will the detainees be processed for immigration and what will their status be?
3. Will the Uyghurs be detained while in DHS custody? If so, for how long and where?
4. Should the Uyghurs be released in the U.S., to whom will they be paroled? Will DHS conduct background checks and assessments on those accepting the detainees?
5. How will the Uyghurs' location and activities be monitored by DHS or other agencies?
6. Where will the released Uyghurs be placed and how long will they be required to stay at that location? How will you ensure compliance?
7. Will the Uyghurs receive federal subsidies or assistance following release? If so, what types, how much, and for how long?
8. How will your department guarantee the safety of the communities into which the Uyghurs are released?

I look forward to a report on these questions at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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

It is my understanding that your decision regarding whether to release a number of Chinese Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay into the United States is imminent. I have grave concerns about this action, which I believe could directly threaten the security of the American people.

Information I have received indicates that the Uyghurs may be more dangerous than the public has been led to believe. I write today asking that you declassify all intelligence regarding their capture, detention, and your administration's assessment of the threat they may pose to Americans, prior to any decision to release them. The American people deserve to have all the facts about these individuals before they should be expected to tolerate their presence in our communities.

I believe your administration also has an obligation to explain to the American people how you will monitor the Uyghurs' activities should they be released in the U.S. Additionally, all state and local law enforcement should immediately be notified of your intended decision, provided a threat assessment of the released Uyghurs, and informed of the federal government's plans to monitor their activities once released.

Following the precedent you have set in declassifying the Office of Legal Counsel interrogation memos, you have a moral obligation to declassify this critical information. The American people cannot afford to simply take your word that these detainees, who were captured training in terrorist camps, are not a threat if released into our communities.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
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