

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry,

We write to express our grave concern regarding the situation in Iraq and the safety of the Iranian dissidents, members of the Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), residing at Camp Liberty, Iraq. Specifically, we are concerned that the increasingly unpredictable security environment in Iraq presents an imminent threat to the nearly 3,000 residents within the Camp. In light of the precarious security situation in Iraq today, we urge you to continue to press for the protection of Camp Liberty and to expedite the resettlement of the camp residents to countries outside Iraq, including the United States.

As you know, a decade ago the United States promised to protect the MEK residents at Camp Ashraf, who are now housed at Camp Liberty. The Government of Iraq has committed to protect the Camp Liberty residents as the resettlement process goes forward. Since 2009, however, more than 100 residents have been killed and Camp Liberty has been repeatedly attacked.

The deteriorating security situation in Iraq presents an imminent threat to the Camp Liberty residents. Reports of Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps involvement on the ground in Iraq are deeply disturbing. Meanwhile, we understand that neither the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), nor representatives from the office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) which had been interviewing camp residents to determine their resettlement status, remains in the vicinity of Camp Liberty.

We recognize the Department of State's efforts to work with the Camp Liberty residents on resettlement options to countries outside of Iraq, and we believe an important step in that process would be the resettlement of a portion of those residents to the United States. While we were encouraged earlier this year by the efforts of interagency teams from Department of State, Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security to interview Camp Liberty residents for possible resettlement to the United States, we are concerned that the recent withdrawal of U.S. Government personnel could delay progress in resettling these dissidents.

As such, please provide us with an update on whether the process of interviewing Camp Liberty residents by the interagency teams was sufficiently completed in order to allow some residents to be resettled to safety in the United States. We would also reiterate that requiring the Camp Liberty residents to renounce their MEK membership as a precondition for their parole into the United States is inappropriate because the Department of State revoked the designation of the

MEK as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in 2012, which remains effective today. It will also leave most residents in an untenable and dangerous situation.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



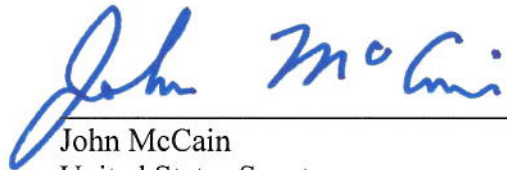
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