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Washington, DC 20515

January 20, 2012

The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
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The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Treasury
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Dear Madam Secretary and Mr. Secretary:

On September 1, 2011, a bipartisan group of Members of Congress, including a number of the undersigned, wrote to Secretary Clinton to urge that every effort be made to ensure that the Libya Claims Program Settlement Fund has sufficient resources to fully compensate American victims of Qadhafi-sponsored terrorism at the levels recommended by the State Department. Observing that the United States had frozen billions of dollars in assets belonging to the Libyan government and the Qadhafi family, the signers encouraged the Administration to set aside a fraction of those assets to make up for any shortfall in the Settlement Fund. On October 4th, Senators Schumer and Isakson authored a similar letter.

We note that the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2055, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012*, signed into law on December 23, 2011, “direct[s] the Secretary of State to continue to assist American victims of terrorism abroad regarding frozen assets for compensation and other issues, including [victims] from the . . . terrorist acts sponsored by former Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.”

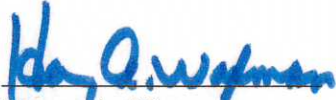
In light of Congress’s recent directive, we urge the Administration not to release the Qadhafi family assets until the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has completed its work to certify awards under the Libya Claims Program, and until a determination has been made that the Settlement Fund will have sufficient resources to fully pay all certified awards. If it is established that there will be a shortfall, we believe that, consistent with congressional intent, the Administration should consider utilizing a portion of the frozen Qadhafi family assets to make up for that shortfall, ideally pursuant to a state-to-state agreement with the new Libyan government.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



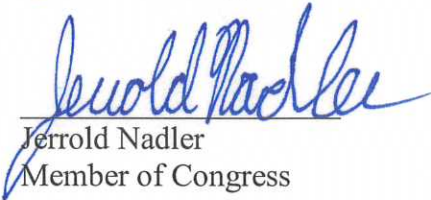
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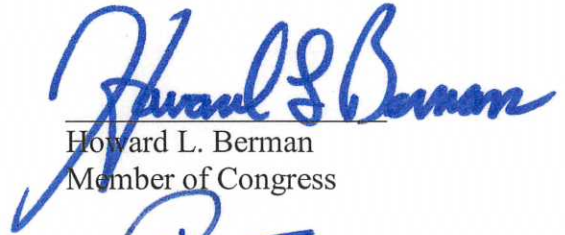
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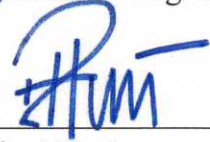
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