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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last fall, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton provided to the State Department approximately 55,000 pages of emails from her personal account that relate to her work during her tenure as Secretary. Department officials have stated that they are now in the process of reviewing those documents for public release, at the former Secretary's request. We understand that this process may take some time given that the Department may have to redact telephone numbers, personal information, and other information prior to releasing the documents publicly.

Since the Department has already produced approximately 850 pages of these documents to the Select Committee on Benghazi, we request that the Department begin its review for public release with this subset of 850 pages of Benghazi-related documents in order to make them available to the public first without waiting for the full review of all 55,000 pages of documents.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,


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cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman