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The Honorable John Kerry
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

I write to condemn the most recent deadly terror attack against Camp Liberty and to urge the Department of State to call for an immediate and thorough investigation into the attack, which was allegedly carried out with Iranian-made Katyusha rockets. In the wake of such a deadly terror attack, it is also important that an emergency medical team be sent to treat and evacuate the wounded immediately. In addition, I urge you to press the Government of Iraq to live up to all of its obligations under the December 25, 2011 Memorandum of Understanding and to properly secure Camp Liberty and ensure the safety of its residents.

As you are aware, the attack on October 29, 2015 has left nearly two dozen dead and over 200 more injured. Sadly, this attack is just the latest in a series of attacks targeted against the residents, yet still the Iraqi government fails to honor its obligations to protect these individuals and bring the perpetrators of these acts of terror to justice. Given the frequency of attacks in recent years, I would also ask that you suggest the Iraqi government reassess the protective forces it has provided to the Camp, as they have thus far been unable to prevent the attacks from occurring.

Active engagement with the Iraqi government regarding the safety of these individuals is no longer enough. The administration has been actively engaged for years, yet this has not spurred the Iraqi government into action. Therefore, I again urge you to intervene on behalf of the residents of Camp Liberty, and urge the Government of Iraq to honor its obligations, secure the safety of these individuals, and bring the perpetrators of these heinous attacks to justice immediately.

Thank you and I look forward to your prompt attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

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