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Dear House Leadership:

In light of recent comments made by Egypt's newly elected ruling leaders, we believe that it is time for the United States to re-think the more than \$2 billion in aid that it gives the Egyptian government every year. At a time when our nation is racking up record deficits and American families are struggling under higher taxes and shrinking budgets, the United States needs to start prioritizing foreign aid programs.

In 1979, Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel at the Camp David Accords, and U.S. aid to Egypt has averaged about \$2 billion annually since then. This aid package was designed to incentivize the Egyptian government to maintain peace with Israel and promote stability in the region. Historical records show that then-president Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian military leaders viewed U.S. aid as "untouchable compensation." In essence, this \$2 billion annual aid package is compensation to the Egyptian government for making and maintaining peace with Israel.

We write with concern, however, that President-elect Mohamed Mursi and the Muslim Brotherhood political party, recently elected to control of the Egyptian government, will not view America's foreign aid package in the same way. Many members of the Muslim Brotherhood have a history of supporting terrorism, and current party leaders have made no conscious move to abandon that legacy. President-elect Mursi has spoken noxiously about American policy in the Middle East, referred to Israelis as "tyrants," and expressed doubts that the 9/11 attacks were carried out by terrorists. The President-elect has also been quoted as stating that he favors normalizing relations with Iran, including expanding areas of political and economic cooperation in order to create a balance of pressure in the region.

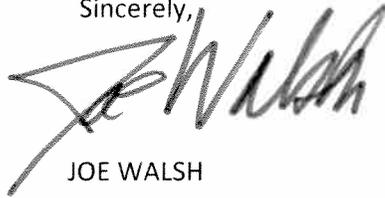
Of greatest concern are reports that President-elect Mursi revealed that the Camp David Peace Accords with Israel "will be reviewed." Not only do these statements put Egypt squarely opposite U.S. policy in the region, but they also violate the explicit understanding in the annual U.S. aid package to Egypt.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, urge you to withhold all U.S. aid to the Egyptian government until its ruling leaders—President-elect Mursi and the Muslim Brotherhood—publicly reaffirm Egypt's treaties,

promote peace with Israel, and continue to recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. We would like to continue an open, working relationship with the new leaders; however, they need to make the choice to work with the United States to continue to promote peace and stability in the region. Any future foreign aid packages must be contingent on these actions.

Every tax dollar that goes to propping up a government directly opposed to American interests is a tax dollar wasted. That money should instead be put towards paying down our national debt or providing tax relief to struggling American families.

Sincerely,



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