

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write today to urge you to declassify the 28 redacted pages of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 2001. Having read these pages ourselves, we believe that the information they contain is crucial to providing the American people – particularly the survivors of 9/11 and those who lost loved ones – with the full truth surrounding this tragic attack on our country.

On March 12, 2014, we, along with Rep. Thomas Massie, were joined by three family members of 9/11 victims to call attention to this issue at a news conference. According to these individuals and a reporter from the Philadelphia Enquirer, you graciously met with 9/11 victims' families on two separate occasions – once in February 2009 and once in May 2011 at which they asked you to declassify the 28 pages. We share in their belief that it is absolutely necessary to make this information public.

Mr. President, we are aware of the concerns about national security in regard to these items. However, having read the classified information, we believe that releasing it will not cause harm to U.S. intelligence sources and methods. Indeed, we consider this to be a matter of providing the American people with all of the facts regarding 9/11 and bringing closure to the many individuals who lost family and friends in the attacks or survived the attacks themselves. To that end, we have introduced House Resolution 428, which urges you to declassify the pages. This resolution has garnered bipartisan cosponsorship and has also received the support of former Senator Bob Graham, who co-chaired the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 and also sought declassification of the pages.

We urge you to release the documents and shed much needed light on those tragic events. In doing so, you will help our government better understand what happened and how best to prevent such attacks in the future. Most importantly, you will provide much-needed closure to the 9/11 survivors and the victims' families. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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