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The Honorable Buck McKeon
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman McKeon and Ranking Member Smith:

I write to ask that strong language pertaining to funding for Pakistan be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Despite over \$22 billion of financial aid from the United States since 2001, Pakistan continues to harbor terrorist organizations. I do not believe the United States should continue to provide assistance to any country that knowingly harbors our enemies.

In the past year, Pakistan has shown cause for concern. In May of 2011, it became apparent that Pakistan had provided years-long refuge within their borders to Osama Bin Ladin. Furthermore, after the raid, Pakistan provided the Chinese access to the remains of the stealth helicopter that crashed during the raid that killed Bin Ladin. These are not the actions of an ally nation.

In September 2011, then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mullen testified that the Pakistani military's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency had assisted Haqqani insurgency groups in attacks against U.S. targets. While Pakistan has denied the allegation, this is just one of many examples of Pakistan's refusal to deter insurgency groups in the region.

Most recently, Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani argued that the U.S. bounty placed on known terrorist and leader of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, Hafiz Mohammad Saeed would damage Pakistan-United States relations. As you know, Hafiz Mohammad Saeed has been accused of orchestrating the 2008 attacks on Mumbai, India that resulted in 168 deaths. These

actions should not be supported by the United States, and if Pakistan continues to harbor our enemies, we must withhold foreign aid.

As you know, last year's NDAA included a provision to withhold 60% of any FY12 appropriations for the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Fund (PCF) unless the Secretaries of Defense and State report to Congress with a strategy on our objectives and how the funding is being used by Pakistan. I encourage the Committee to strengthen this language in the FY13 NDAA.

At a time when we are being forced to make significant cuts at home, it is important that we spend wisely. If Pakistan is unwilling to condemn international terrorists and work with the United States to bring them to justice, they should not be eligible for foreign aid. I look forward to working with you to address this serious issue. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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