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July 30, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Kerry;

As you are likely aware, over this past weekend several news outlets reported that a redacted version of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) Study will be made public in “very early August.” We are concerned about how this public release could impact security at U.S. facilities overseas, especially diplomatic posts.

On several occasions, the White House and State Department have told the Committee, both verbally and in writing, that a series of security steps will be needed to safeguard the lives of U.S. personnel overseas and the facilities in which they work. We would like to know the specific steps that the Administration is taking in advance of the public release of the RDI Study to ensure the safety of these Americans and prevent another Benghazi like event. Further, we would like to know what guidance, if any, has been issued to diplomatic posts in advance of the impending release of the RDI Study, and if you anticipate the need to suspend operations or close a diplomatic post.

The men and women who work at these installations are patriots, often doing so at great personal risk in some extremely dangerous and harsh circumstances. Their security should be our utmost priority and we encourage you to take any measures necessary to ensure their safety. We look forward to your response to this important matter of national security.

Sincerely,

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