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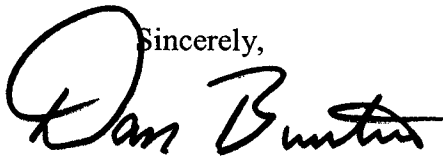
Your Royal Highness:

Yesterday, the Committee on Government Reform heard testimony regarding American citizens who have been held against their will in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. There was a bipartisan consensus among the Members of the Committee that the failure of the Saudi government to resolve these cases has caused considerable pain for the families involved and is detrimental to the U.S.-Saudi relationship.

As I indicated at the hearing, I intend to do everything in my power to ensure that these American citizens are released and allowed to return home. I have specifically asked that President Bush raise the cases of Alia and Aisha Gheshayan, Amjad Radwan, and the other Americans who have been held in Saudi Arabia against their will with Crown Prince Abdullah, and insist upon the release of these women from Saudi Arabia. I have asked that the President consider denying or delaying visas to members of the families that have kidnapped American children, as well as visas for selected Saudi officials, until these cases are resolved.

I would like to speak to you about these cases while you are in the United States. I am available to speak to you at any time before 12:00 noon eastern time on Friday, June 14. If there is a specific time that is convenient for you tomorrow morning, please have your staff contact the Committee's Deputy Chief Counsel David A. Kass at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Burton  
Chairman