

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to you with serious concerns regarding recent reports that your Administration is negotiating pre-trial plea agreements with the terrorists responsible for the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

According to reports, these agreements would remove the possibility of the death penalty. If true, this would be a grave miscarriage of justice, especially for the families of the 2,977 innocent civilians and first responders we lost that fateful day.

As we approach the 22nd anniversary of the horrific attacks of that day, the death toll continues to rise. Thousands of families have faced the repercussions of that day, especially the families of those who worked tirelessly on the pile, trying to find survivors and helping other families find closure. In fact, 434 congressional districts currently have someone utilizing the World Trade Center Health Program due to 9/11 related illnesses.

This mass murder of thousands of Americans and the continued suffering felt by so many to this day was orchestrated by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Despite being captured over twenty years ago and charged over fifteen years ago, families still have not seen justice delivered. It's unconscionable that your Administration would enter into plea deal negotiations that would let Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other 9/11 perpetrators avoid the death penalty rather than pursuing the most severe consequence for their murderous actions.

As a nation, we have said that we will never forget September 11th, and we must never cease fighting on behalf of those we've lost. We owe it to the victims and their families to deliver justice - and that should mean the death penalty for these murderers.

We urge your Administration not to enter into any pre-trial agreements which would remove the possibility of the death penalty and to work to conclude this process to see justice meted out on those who have committed these evil acts.

Sincerely,



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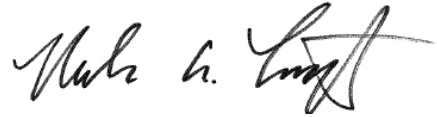
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