

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 10, 2013

The Honorable Robert Menendez
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
444 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Dear Chairman Menendez,

As you know, Secretary of State John Kerry recently announced his decision to reinstate all four State Department employees who had been placed on administrative leave in the aftermath of the September 11th, 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi. Eric Boswell, Charlene Lamb, Scott Bultrowicz, and Raymond Maxwell are returning to the State Department with new duty assignments. In effect, the Administration has failed to hold anyone accountable – including the terrorists responsible – for the attacks that occurred one year ago and took the lives of four brave Americans, including our Ambassador to Libya.

Despite repeated requests from its Members, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not been allowed to officially hear testimony from, or to meet with, the survivors of those deadly attacks. The committee has not heard testimony from individuals directly involved in the decision-making process, including Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy.

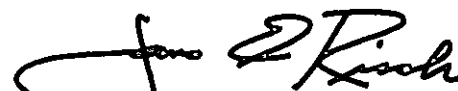
As members of this committee, we take our obligation to conduct oversight seriously. Therefore, we write once more to request that this committee hold hearings on the September 11, 2012 attacks. Such hearings should include the four State Department officials that have recently been reinstated, survivors of the deadly attacks, and other relevant officials. We would like to work with you to select the appropriate witnesses and to get a list of the names of the survivors.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your prompt reply.

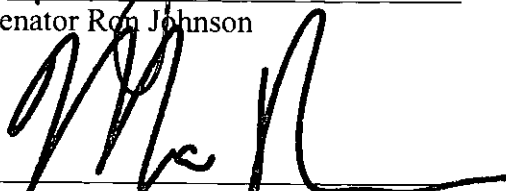
Sincerely,



Senator Ron Johnson



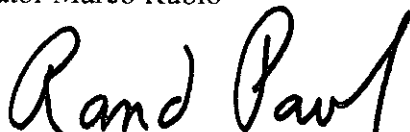
Senator James Risch



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Senator Rand Paul

Cc: Senator Bob Corker, Ranking Member