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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Trump:

I urge you to push for a full reset of the U.S.-Saudi Arabia relationship to protect the American people and safeguard our interests. I recently returned from a congressional oversight trip to Saudi Arabia, where I demanded the Saudi government answer for its human rights abuses and crimes against the U.S. justice system. I understand that you are planning a visit to Saudi Arabia, and I urge you to seek accountability for Saudi abuses against our country, including its punitive economic actions that have undermined U.S. interests. You must push for Saudi recognition of these actions. You must also seek retribution for these actions and refrain from handing out favors to the Saudis until they follow through with meaningful reform.

For several years, I have used my seat in the Senate to investigate and sound the alarm on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's flagrant disregard of international law and efforts to undermine U.S. interests. In response to a law I wrote, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) declassified a report on the Saudi government's history of helping Saudi criminals accused of violent crimes flee from the U.S. justice system, a practice that included assistance to the Saudi national responsible for the manslaughter of teenager Fallon Smart in my hometown of Portland, Oregon. I worked with the State Department to secure the Fallon Smart Policy to prevent such abuses by the Saudi government and other foreign governments. Under this policy, your administration has an obligation to revoke the visas of any foreign official who provides assistance to foreign nationals to evade prosecution in the United States. In addition to upholding the Fallon Smart Policy, I urge you to press for the return of these violent Saudi fugitives to the United States, so that they may face consequences for their crimes through our courts, and so that victims and their families in America may experience some form of justice.

Following another law I authored, the Director of National Intelligence declassified a report on the role of Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud and Saudi government officials in the brutal murder of a U.S. legal resident, Jamal Khashoggi, in 2018. The Crown Prince has yet to face any accountability for his heinous actions. He continues to surveil, detain, and torture dissidents, journalists, women's rights activists, foreign laborers, and carry out arbitrary killings. Under the Crown Prince's orders, the Saudi government has also detained Americans in Saudi Arabia with no due process or legal standing. During my visit last month, I provided a list of names to Saudi officials and requested the Saudi government to let them return to the United

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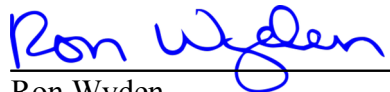
States. I hope your administration will follow through to see that these U.S. citizens and nationals are released and free to travel home.

The Saudi government also continues to threaten Saudi citizens living outside of its own borders, to include those in our own country. The FBI routinely issues warnings to these individuals so that they may take protective steps to ensure their own safety. Such actions by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia do not show any respect to the U.S.-Saudi partnership. I call on you to secure assurances from the Saudi government that it will cease threatening longtime residents of the United States.

Finally, the Saudi government has shown that it prioritizes its economic and security interests with no regard for the U.S.-Saudi relationship. In 2022, the Saudis threatened the U.S. with major economic consequences when the U.S. pursued efforts to encourage the Saudi government to increase oil production after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. More recently, Saudi Arabia expanded cooperation with China and developed joint manufacturing facilities for drone and missile component production. This collaboration also includes counter-drone technology and cybersecurity, sensitive areas that threaten U.S. security. As President, it is your responsibility to confront our partners and allies when they take actions to undermine our security interests, and I hope that you will do so with the Saudis during your visit.

The United States must hold the Saudi government accountable for undermining the rule of law and harming U.S. interests. I call on you and your administration to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of Americans and push for a full reset in how the United States engages with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,



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