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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

I write today to urge you to issue a travel advisory for all U.S. citizens traveling to Morocco in the wake of the Moroccan government's deportation of dozens of foreign nationals, including approximately 40 Americans, if this issue remains unresolved.

As you know, in early March the Moroccan government deported approximately 40 U.S. citizens and scores of other foreign nationals for allegedly proselytizing, which is against Moroccan law. However, authorities presented no evidence or explanation of the proselytizing allegations. Among the individuals who were deported or denied reentry were businessmen, educators, humanitarian and social workers. Many of these individuals have resided in Morocco for over a decade in full compliance with Moroccan law.

Additionally, those deported were forced to leave the country within two hours of being questioned by authorities, leaving all their belongings behind. The manner in which these expulsions were carried out and the Moroccan government's refusal to grant those affected with a hearing violates the principles of due process.

The large scale and abrupt nature of the deportation of U.S. citizens from Morocco should be information that every U.S. citizen has before choosing to travel to a country which is perceived by many as a beacon of tolerance in the Arab world. If this matter is not satisfactorily resolved, I respectfully request that you issue a travel advisory to ensure that all U.S. citizens are aware of the potential risks of travelling to Morocco.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress