

June 11, 2024

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

On October 7, 2023, Hamas, a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization (FTO) launched an unprecedented terrorist attack on Israeli civilians, killing more than 1,200 people and taking another 251 hostage. Many of the victims were mutilated, raped, and later used as human shields. The depravity of Hamas, and those who support the group's evil acts, is difficult to describe in written word, but cannot be ignored. It is no secret that Qatar-funded *Al Jazeera* has long been a mouthpiece for terrorists and has peddled anti-American sentiments. As such, I urge you to immediately revoke *Al Jazeera's* access to the White House until it cuts all ties with U.S.-designated FTOs.

Al Jazeera actively promotes Islamic terrorism worldwide, including by backing Hamas, and inciting violence. The list of *Al Jazeera* "journalists" in Gaza who are supporting terrorism is only growing. According to reports, three of the hostages rescued by Israeli Defense Forces after 246 days in captivity in Gaza, were held captive by Palestinian *Al Jazeera* journalist, Abdallah Aljamal, and his extended family. While *Al Jazeera* denies any knowledge of Aljamal, he is listed on the company's English language website as "a Gaza-based reporter and photojournalist" who "often reports from the ongoing 'March of Return' protests at the fence separating besieged Gaza from Israel." Aljamal was also a contributor to the *Palestine Chronicle*, an English-language pro-Hamas outlet led by ex-*Al Jazeera* official Ramzi Baroud.

This is not an isolated incident, but part of a larger pattern of *Al Jazeera* journalists who maintain ties with, or, in some cases, operate as members of U.S.-designated FTOs. For example, *Al Jazeera* correspondent Ismail Abu Omar served as a Deputy Company Commander for Hamas and posted videos and photos of himself participating in the brutal October 7 attacks. In another case, the IDF revealed documents found in Gaza that identify another *Al Jazeera* journalist, Hamza al-Dahdouh, as a regional official for Palestinian Islamic Jihad, another U.S.-designated FTO.

A free press is built into the DNA of our nation. However, for years, *Al Jazeera* has used its platform to sow anti-American sentiments and harm our own security and those of our allies. So long as it employs journalists and reporters who operate as members and affiliates of FTOs, *Al Jazeera* will continue to undermine our nation from inside our government buildings. There is

absolutely no reason *Al Jazeera*, or its employees, should have access to you, the White House, or any of your advisors.

I urge you to immediately remove Kimberly Halkett's credentials, and those of all *Al Jazeera* employees who have access to the White House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rubio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator