

26 November 2001

The Honorable Barbara Lee  
9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Lee,

I am writing to you in regard to the order signed by President Bush on 13 November 2001 entitled "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism". It is my belief that this order is both unconstitutional and illegal under international law, and that it represents a grave threat to the safety and well being of both the nation and the world.

Furthermore, while I recognize the political realities implicit in the current composition of the Congress, and of public opinion in the present crisis, it is also my belief that by the very act of signing this illegal order the President has committed high crimes and misdemeanors such as would warrant his immediate impeachment and removal from office, together with any and all members of his cabinet or administration having complicity in these crimes.

Enclosed is a document which sets forth in detail my reasons for holding these beliefs. Pursuant to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, I am invoking my right as a citizen of the United States to petition the Congress in this matter. I respectfully and urgently request that you convey copies of this letter and the enclosed document to the leadership of both parties in both the House and the Senate, and to the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I urge all of them to take immediate action by every avenue available to them under the law to prevent the executive branch from acting on this order.

Human lives and fundamental human rights are at stake here, together with the honor, integrity, and safety of our nation. Speed is of the utmost essence.

Sincerely,

/s/

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