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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

As unrest continues in the Middle East, the Congress and the Administration must remain constantly thoughtful of our actions and mindful of how these actions are perceived in an ever-changing world.

The Administration's recent selection of Samal al-Marayati to represent the United States at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) for the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting is highly concerning. Samal al-Marayati's inflammatory record includes stating that Israel should be on the suspect list for the terrorist attacks of 9/11, as well as founding an organization, the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), which has advocated for the delisting of Hamas and Hezbollah as United States-designated terrorist groups.

Your assertion that al-Marayati is "valued and highly credible" is not only outlandish, but raises serious questions regarding the Administration's judgment, as well as its underlying foreign policy goals.

Please provide your prompt and detailed responses to the following questions:

- What is the Administration's process by which individuals are chosen to represent the United States at various international meetings?
- Given al-Marayati's background and previous statements, how does his selection foster and strengthen U.S. relations with our allies in the Middle East?
- What was the specific intended impact of selecting al-Marayati as a representative of the United States?
- How is al-Marayati's selection compatible with the Administration's policy goals with respect to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East? Is it the Administration's intent to promote individuals and organizations that belittle U.S. allies in the Middle East?
- Is the Administration concerned that al-Marayati's connections to the delisting of Hamas and Hezbollah, as well as his claim that Israel should be a suspect of the 9/11 attacks, will have negative consequences to the Muslim or Jewish communities of the United States?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I look forward to receiving your responses.

Respectfully,

Rep. Jim Jordan
Chairman, U.S. House of Republican Study Committee (RSC)