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Deputy Director Eckert:

I write to request the immediate suspension of press credentials for the Al Jazeera news network. In light of recent reports that the sole owner and shareholder of Al Jazeera International is the Emir of the State of Qatar, Al Jazeera should be subject to the reporting requirements of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Under the FARA statute, and in keeping with the National Defense Authorization Act, Al Jazeera was recently required by the Federal Communications Commission to file a report disclosing its relationship to its foreign principal. My congressional colleagues and I will be requesting a review from the Justice Department to determine whether the network is in violation of U.S. law in this regard.

Pending the determination of that review, I believe that suspension of Al Jazeera's press credentials is not only in order, but imperative.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Kind regards,



Jack Bergman  
Member of Congress