

March 11, 2007

Senator Alpha Beta
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Dear Senator Beta,

I'm writing to you because I am angered that the Egyptian government has imprisoned blogger Abdul Kareem Suleiman Amer for speaking out peaceably against religious violence and radical Islamist teaching at his university. Congress has approved billions in military aid to Egypt, and so as a supporter of Mubarak's government we are in a degree responsible for its actions.

I understand the strategic value of our military alliance with the government of Hosni Mubarak, given our tenuous position in the Middle East and the radical Islamist nature of Mubarek's domestic political opposition. But if Congress is willing to send our taxes to support the Egyptian government, it must also send the American people's message of absolute opposition to the abuse of human rights such as the freedom of speech.

Please join your colleagues Trent Franks (R-AZ) and Barney Frank (D-MA) in writing to Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Fahmy to urge the Egyptian government to free Mr. Amer. I also encourage you to recruit your colleagues in Congress to send similar letters, and to take whatever action you can to support the freedom and safety of reporters in Egypt.

As an individual citizen, there is little I can do to influence the decisions of the Egyptian government. But Congress, which holds the purse strings of our vast military aid to Egypt, is in a strong position to act. I ask you, as the representative of our district and the American people, to communicate your constituents' insistence that Egypt respect the freedom of speech and free Mr. Amer.

Thank you for all your hard work,

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