



**The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas)**

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Mr. Orrin Hatch  
Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Mr. Hatch:

As you must already know, Dr. Musa Abu Marzuq, Head of Hamas Political Bureau, was arrested on the 25th of July upon his arrival at New York's JFK airport on a private, perfectly legal, visit in the company of his family. His visit was aimed at attending to some private business matters having been a legal resident of the United States of America long before 1991. Although initially held allegedly for immigration reasons, the entire case has been transformed into a purely political one as soon as Israel formally applied for his extradition. The sharp and rapid turn this case has taken proves beyond doubt that the U.S. administration had since the beginning contemplated handing him over to the Israelis in spite of the fact that throughout his 14 year stay in the United States he had been a law abiding person never charged with any violation.

We urge you to intervene personally and exert all the pressure you can in order to dissuade the U.S. administration from proceeding with this case and to demand it to reject the Israeli application for his extradition. Dr. Abu Marzuq has never been involved in any hostility against the United States of America, and the movement in which he presides over the political bureau has never carried out any attacks on the American interests or people. Hamas's struggle has always been strictly confined to resisting the Zionist occupation of Palestine.

The efforts you make with the U.S. administration will undoubtedly contribute to preventing the infliction of more injustices upon the Palestinian people, who have had regrettable experiences with the biased positions adopted by successive U.S. administrations against the legitimate struggle of the Palestinians for liberation from Israeli occupation. The continued detention or the handing over of Dr. Abu Marzuq to the Israelis will provoke a wave of outrage against the United States in various parts of the Arab and Muslim countries and elsewhere in the world by freedom loving peoples.

We wish that through your good offices, Dr. Abu Marzuq will be released and allowed to leave peacefully to a country of his own choice.

Yours sincerely

  
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