



## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3222

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Sheikh Tamim ibn Hamad Al Thani  
c/o U.S. Embassy of the State of Qatar  
2555 M St, NW  
Washington, DC, 20037

Dear Sheikh Tamim,

I write regarding the current situation in the Middle East. In these difficult times, our nations must work together in the fight against terrorism and to hold those guilty of terrorism accountable. It is in this spirit of friendship that I urge you to extradite the leaders of Hamas and any other terrorist groups and to halt any material support for terrorism by Qatar.

Our two countries share a special relationship as a direct result of our close economic and military ties. The United States continues to be one of Qatar's largest import partners, and our countries engage in billions of dollars' worth of trade each year. The United States is also tremendously grateful to Qatar for hosting Al Udeid Air Base, which is our largest base in the Middle East and the hosts the forward headquarters for USCENTCOM. In recognition of these close relations, the U.S. named Qatar a Major Non-NATO ally this year, which as you know, elevates our relationship with Qatar to the highest level of importance.

However, I am concerned about reports that the leaders of Hamas and other terrorist organizations are being sheltered in Qatar. I highly encourage you to extradite these individuals immediately so they may be brought to justice for war crimes and targeting civilians, including women, children, and the elderly. Just as our countries worked together to combat al-Qaeda and ISIS, we must continue our cooperation in combatting all global terrorist organizations. I urge you to reconsider your decision to provide safe haven for these individuals.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen the ties between our two great nations and urge you to keep my office updated on your actions with regards to the leadership of Hamas and other terror groups. Together, we can bring about the long-standing goal of Middle East peace.

Sincerely,

Claudia Tenney  
Member of Congress