

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2012

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
US Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary,

Earlier this week Dr. Hussain Yasa, the Chairman of Afghanistan Media and Research Center, was taken and held overnight in Kabul, reportedly by Afghan security forces working for the National Directorate of Security. Dr. Yasa is a man who we have met several times and someone we know to be a friend of America and the Northern Alliance that played the key role in defeating the Taliban after 9/11. Media reports suggest that he was abducted for "criticizing government policies." This appears to be a case of President Karzai using his security forces, which we helped to pay for and set up, to silence legitimate political opposition and attack open journalism.

I ask that you, as well as our Ambassador in Kabul, raise with President Karzai the issue of Dr. Yasa's harassment. The United States should stand with those, like Dr. Yasa, who share our desires for freedom and a representative democracy in Afghanistan. We cannot permit President Karzai's regime to harass and threaten friends of the United States who support our values.

Sincerely,



Dana Rohrabacher  
Member of Congress



Louie Gohmert  
Member of Congress