

(Our response must be deliberate, just and humane)

AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE

We, the undersigned, extend our deepest sympathy to the victims of last week's terrorist attacks. We call on our elected leaders to respond with the utmost wisdom and restraint to these acts. We must bring the guilty to justice, but we cannot kill innocent men, women, and children. To do so would betray our deepest values. Such a course of action could very easily draw us into a spiral of violence that would truly destroy our security, undercut our humanity, and damage our democracy far more than could any terrorist act. To lure us into a vengeful response may have been a goal of the attackers. We must resist this temptation. No terrorist attack from the outside, however severe, can destroy America. Only a betrayal of our core values could do so. For this reason we must also be especially careful to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans especially Arab-Americans, who are now vulnerable to unwarranted accusation, discrimination or worse. We need to strengthen civil liberties, not abridge them. If we wish to be a truly great democracy, secure from fear, we must have the courage to lead the world in the paths of justice, not those of violence.

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Dear Representative Hall
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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