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Dear Friends,

Pakistan Aid Bill

Last week the House passed S.1707 which authorizes foreign aid to Pakistan. What’s good about the bill is that it expands Pakistan’s resources to bolster its counter-insurgency efforts. Those efforts are vital to our strategy to destroy al Qaeda which continues to plot against the United States using Pakistan’s Tribal Areas as a safe haven. However, I believe the Congress should have attached more demands to the funding. This bill doesn’t place enough pressure on Pakistan to allow the United States direct access to A.Q. Khan who is widely regarded as the founder of Pakistan’s nuclear program, and has confessed to helping arm Pakistan, Libya, Iran and North Korea with nuclear armaments. In fact if Osama Bin Laden is alive today he is in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan.

We also need assurances that the Pakistan Intelligence Services (ISI) isn't collaborating with the extreme militants in the tribals areas at the expense of the US Taxpayer. Remember this is the Country that brought us Ramzi Yousef, the 1993 World Trade Center Bomber, and his uncle Khalid Sheik Mohammad, the mastermind of 9-11.

GITMO

A bipartisan majority in the House passed a motion to include language in the final FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations conference report barring the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States mainland under any circumstances. The motion also prevents the release of detainee photographs and requires that members of Congress have 72 hours to view the final legislation prior to a vote on the House floor. After signing executive orders for GITMO to close in January 2010, it is clear the President and his administration still do not have a plan for what to do the 240 terror suspects being held there. Among them are known enemy combatants including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, who I witnessed in his cell [When I traveled to Guantanamo](#) earlier this year.

No Budget

A new fiscal year began this week but Congress has still not passed the FY2010 budget. All 12 budget bills have passed

Survey Question

Do you support increased U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, as recommended by the President's top General there, in order to destroy al Qaeda, the Taliban and other terrorist groups that continue to plot against the United States?

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the house. The holdup is in the Senate. A continuing resolution allows the federal government to continue operating at current funding levels through October 31.

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