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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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September 11, 2013

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

While today we remember the 12 anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks here in the United States, we also mark one year since terrorists stormed the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, leaving four Americans dead.

Several of the House Committees have been diligent in searching for answers, yet many more questions remain about that night. Five committees have conducted investigations, as well as the State Department, but still no one has been held accountable for this attack. The terrorists remain at-large; and the bureaucrats who fumbled the response remain at their posts.

Former Homeland Security Advisor to President George W. Bush Thomas Bossert correctly noted the complexity of the questions and the intricacy of overlapping jurisdictions that are slowing down America's response:

"[t]he gamut of issues is broad, ranging from strategic issues of national security, global counterterrorism and international affairs to operational force protection, intelligence analysis and crisis management. The range of congressional committees with jurisdiction is equally broad."

Therefore, I implore you to heed the calls of 172 members of the House of Representatives and work together to establish a select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

The families of Ambassador Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty deserve to know what happened on that night exactly one year ago. They deserve to know that the U.S. Government has not relented in the pursuit of justice, and that we will do what it takes prevent another tragedy like Benghazi.

President Obama vowed that his biggest priority was to bring those responsible to justice—yet the terrorists still walk free. Let Congress, through the establishment of a select committee, work with the president to fulfill our duty to the victims' families and to the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Fitzpatrick", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Fitzpatrick
MEMBER OF CONGRESS