

**9/11 FAMILIES & SURVIVORS UNITED FOR JUSTICE AGAINST  
TERRORISM  
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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: September 11 and your May 19 visit to Saudi Arabia

Dear President Trump,

On September 11, 2001, my husband was murdered while he worked on the 104<sup>th</sup> Floor of the North Tower at the World Trade Center. He was the love of my life. Our three children were seven, four, and just four days old. Tom Strada was a devoted family man, and we miss him, each and every day.

Today I am the National Chair of the 9/11 Families & Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism, representing the nearly 10,000 family members of those who were murdered in the attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as survivors of those attacks. For more than 15 years, we have been fighting for truth and accountability for the traumatic loss inflicted on us at the hands of radical Islamic terrorism, and **we need your help**.

We remain deeply grateful for your support for our cause, especially last September when you denounced President Obama's veto of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act. Your backing was essential to ensuring that JASTA—which guarantees that terror victims like us can hold foreign nations accountable when they provide support and funding to terrorists who carry out attacks on U.S. soil—is now the law.

As you know, Saudi Arabia is a defendant in our lawsuit because of the involvement of its agents in supporting the 9/11 hijackers, and for support that flowed to al Qaeda from proselytizing institutions that the Saudis established and funded to spread a radical form of Islam that lies at the root of al Qaeda. The Saudis continue to **refuse to accept accountability** for their actions and the injury they have caused.

Given the above, and with great respect for the difficult job you have managing U.S. foreign policy, especially in the Middle East, we have two requests relating to your visit to Saudi Arabia next week:

First, we fully expect that the Saudis will try to convince you to betray the 9/11 families. They will not put it that way, but will instead argue that JASTA should be “fixed” or “modified” to eliminate “unintended consequences.” **Please do not let them get away with this dishonest**

**approach.** The Saudis do not want to “fix” JASTA; they want you and Congress to pass a new law that arms them with a special defense against our lawsuits. This is the same false claim that Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham have made—after voting **for** JASTA in September and **betraying** the 9/11 families just days after the November election. Would you please make it very clear to the Saudis that you will never support any weakening of the 9/11 families’ legal rights?

Second, the Saudis need to hear directly from you that Americans do not appreciate being manipulated by propaganda and fake news peddled by foreign agents. Just this week, the *Associated Press* reported on how the Saudis are engaged in a \$1.3 million-per-month campaign to manipulate the public, deceive our military veterans, and fool Congress into weakening JASTA. That news story has been carried throughout the world, and was picked up in the U.S. by outlets as varied as *Breitbart*, *Fox News*, *Bloomberg*, *ABC News*, and even the *Daily Beast*. We are sure you especially share our outrage that the Saudi agents are lying to our nation’s veteran community. Would you please tell the Saudi Kingdom that **this deceitful campaign must stop?**

In the 15 years since the September 11 Attacks, we have learned a great deal about the role that the Saudis played in supporting al Qaeda and in aiding the hijackers. We are confident that the judicial process will lead to exposure of more information that will demonstrate Saudi wrongdoing, and we appreciate that, with your support, JASTA was able to become law so that these facts can be exposed. We are grateful to have you on our side.

Sincerely,



Terry Strada  
National Chair  
9/11 Families & Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism