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October 2, 2014

The Honorable John S. Pistole
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Administrator Pistole:

As you are aware, the first confirmed case of Ebola in the United States arrived in to Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport (DFW). I represent DFW in Congress and am writing to request that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) implement added security measures for non-American passengers traveling from the Ebola affected countries of West Africa. We must act swiftly to reduce any further exposure of Ebola to the traveling public or our citizens.

In the case of Mr. Thomas E. Duncan, a Liberian national who first entered the United States at Washington Dulles International Airport before connecting to DFW, has TSA thoroughly reviewed their interaction with Mr. Duncan at Washington Dulles? Before or since the confirmation of Ebola in the United States, has TSA added any screening protocols for nationals of the affected West African countries? Are TSA agents instructed to do anything differently when they encounter passengers of the affected West African nations? As you will agree, TSA has a vital role to play in ensuring against any future new arrivals of Ebola.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to receiving your prompt reply. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Deborah R. Malac
Ambassador
U.S. Embassy, P.O. Box 98
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Ambassador Malac:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of the issuance of visas to the United States by our Embassy in Liberia.

Since the onset of Ebola in Liberia and neighboring West African countries, has the Embassy suspended the issuance of visas for travel to the United States? If not, then in the aftermath of the first confirmed case of Ebola appearing in the United States having originated from Liberia, I believe it is prudent to suspend the issuing of visas to the United States until the Ebola epidemic has ended. I furthermore request the suspension of previously issued visas by the Embassy that are still currently valid for travel to the United States.

Suspending and ceasing the issuance of visas for nationals of Liberia would significantly reduce the chances of Ebola further spreading to the United States. We must act swiftly to take every prudent measure to protect the American public from further exposure to Ebola.

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to receiving your reply. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov or 202.225.6605. Thank you for your service in representing the United States abroad.

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The Honorable Alexander Mark Laskaris
Ambassador
American Embassy Conakry
P.O. Box 603
Transversale No. 2
Centre Administratif de Koloma
Commune de Ratoma
Conakry, Republic of Guinea

Dear Ambassador Laskaris:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of the issuance of visas to the United States by our Embassy in the Republic of Guinea.

Since the onset of Ebola in the Republic of Guinea and neighboring countries, has the Embassy suspended the issuance of visas for travel to the United States? If not, then in the aftermath of the first confirmed case of Ebola appearing in the United States from West Africa, I believe it is prudent to suspend the issuing of visas to the United States until the Ebola epidemic has ended. I furthermore request the suspension of previously issued visas by the Embassy that are still currently valid for travel to the United States.

Suspending and ceasing the issuance of visas for nationals of the Republic of Guinea would significantly reduce the chances of Ebola further spreading to the United States. We must act swiftly to take every prudent measure to protect the American public from further exposure to Ebola.

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to receiving your reply. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov or 202.225.6605. Thank you for your service in representing the United States abroad.

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Ms. Kathleen FitzGibbon
Chargé d'Affaires
Embassy of the United States of America
Southridge – Hill Station
Freetown, Sierra Leone

Dear Ms. FitzGibbon:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of the issuance of visas to the United States by our Embassy in Sierra Leone.

Since the onset of Ebola in Sierra Leone and neighboring countries, has the Embassy suspended the issuance of visas for travel to the United States? If not, then in the aftermath of the first confirmed case of Ebola appearing in the United States from West Africa, I believe it is prudent to suspend the issuing of visas to the United States until the Ebola epidemic has ended. I furthermore request the suspension of previously issued visas by the Embassy that are still currently valid for travel to the United States.

Suspending and ceasing the issuance of visas for nationals of Sierra Leone would significantly reduce the chances of Ebola further spreading to the United States. We must act swiftly to take every prudent measure to protect the American public from further exposure to Ebola.

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to receiving your reply. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov or 202.225.6605. Thank you for your service in representing the United States abroad.

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