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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2291 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

I am writing to ask how many visas have been issued by our Embassies in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone since the confirmation of Ebola in the United States on September 30, 2014? I have previously written asking for the immediate implementation of a travel ban for these three countries. I have seen firsthand the significant impact that just one confirmed case of Ebola is having on the North Texas community that I represent, and all available precautions must be taken to stop Ebola.

In this regard, my staff has requested the information of how many visas have been issued by these embassies since the confirmation of Ebola in Texas. The State Department response to my staff has been that this information won't be provided until sometime in early November. I would respectfully request this important information as soon as possible. I find it difficult to understand why the State Department is not able to easily provide this information that is of utmost national importance.

Thank you for your prompt 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 202.225.6605, or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Kenny Marchant
Member of Congress