

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We write to urge you to place al-Manar, the official television station of Hezbollah on the Treasury Department's Specially Designated Global Terrorist Entity list (SDGT) and to aggressively target the organizations that aid in its broadcast. Hezbollah, a known terrorist organization, funds al-Manar, calling it a 'station of resistance.' Viewed via satellite throughout the Muslim world, al-Manar promotes suicide attacks against American and Israeli targets and encourages Iraqi insurgents to attack U.S. troops.

Al-Manar is a mouthpiece of hatred and violence. In addition, the station broadcasts programs that spread anti-Semitic material, perpetuating myths about Jewish history, which resulted in the station's recent ban from French airwaves. This is not a media outlet sharing the news; it is a propaganda tool used by a terrorist organization to spread its message of violence and hatred.

We welcome your December 2004 decision to place al-Manar on the Terror Exclusion List (TEL), which allows the U.S. Government to deport or deny admission to aliens involved with al-Manar's support or endorsement of terrorist activities. But further acknowledgment of al-Manar's role in spreading violence and hatred is warranted and should be shown through its placement on the SDGT list. This step would allow the U.S. government to sanction foreign banks and freeze the financial assets of individuals or organizations that associate with the station. This would cause many telecommunications corporations and financial institutions to reconsider their decision to work with al-Manar.

The United States must use all available means to stop the transmission of al-Manar's programs. Placing al-Manar and the Lebanese Communications Group S.A.L., its parent company, on the SDGT will send a clear message that the United States is serious about confronting any organization that supports the violence carried out by terrorist groups.

We strongly support the global war on terrorism and continuing efforts to stop terrorists wherever they may be. Stopping al-Manar's broadcast of hatred and violence is

an integral part of the global war on terrorism. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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