

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 26, 2007

**SIGN A BIPARTISAN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT REQUIRING
ASSURANCES ON SALE OF JDAMS TO SAUDI ARABIA**

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strict conditions, oversight and consultations*

Dear Colleague:

The administration will soon ask the Congress to approve a large arms sale to Saudi Arabia in an effort to counter the growing Iranian threat. According to media reports, the package might include Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) technology.

JDAM technology transforms unguided conventional bombs into precision munitions with highly accurate targeting capabilities. If it falls into the wrong hands, JDAM technology could significantly harm U.S. forces in the region and undercut Israel's qualitative military edge.

Saudi Arabia remains in a formal state of war with Israel—the preeminent democracy in the Middle East. Additionally, Saudi groups continue to export Wahabi extremist ideology throughout the world—an anti-American ideology we face on the battlefields of the Global War on Terror.

Any sale of JDAM technology to Saudi Arabia must come with guarantees backed by strict conditions notified to Congress followed by regular reporting, tight Congressional oversight and intense consultations with our ally Israel.

We understand the grave threat posed to the United States, Europe, Israel, Turkey and others by the emergence of a nuclear Iran with ballistic missile capability. We also know that a more stable, secure Gulf Region advances the interests of the United States and our allies.

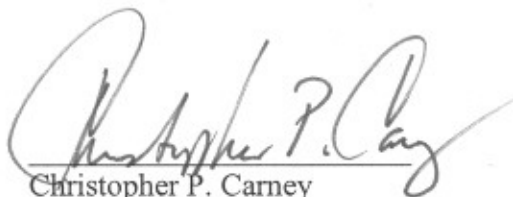
However, the administration must guarantee to Congress' satisfaction that selling JDAMs to Saudi Arabia will not harm U.S. forces or our democratic ally Israel. Without such assurances, we will oppose the sale.

To sign on to this bipartisan letter (draft on reverse), please contact Richard Goldberg with Mr. Kirk's office (5-4835) or Rebecca Gale with Mr. Carney's office (5-3731).

Sincerely,



Mark Steven Kirk
Member of Congress



Christopher P. Carney
Member of Congress

October XX, 2007

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

We are writing to express serious concerns over the administration's plan to sell Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) technology to Saudi Arabia without solid assurances that such weapons cannot be used against American or allied forces.

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We look forward to working with you to counter the Iranian threat in a way which maintains our national security and the long-term safety of our democratic allies.

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