



9/11 JUSTICE

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Senator James Risch, Chairman
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Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member
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Re: 9/11 Family Opposition to Saudi Nuclear 123 Agreement

Dear Chairmen Mast and Risch and Ranking Members Meeks and Shaheen:

We write as representatives of 9/11 Families United and 9/11 Justice, the two largest September 11 family groups fighting for justice and accountability from those nations and institutions who supported al Qaeda and the hijackers who murdered our loved ones, especially the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. One of us spoke at Ground Zero on September 11, 2026, expressing outrage that our government has repeatedly chosen the U.S.-Saudi relationship over an honest accounting of the Kingdom's actions. We fear that the Saudi Nuclear 123 Agreement is another example of continued betrayals.

We strongly encourage you to reject the Saudi Nuclear 123 Agreement pending in committee. It is a momentous decision to entrust nuclear technology to a foreign power and should only be undertaken when the recipient has earned the trust not only of government technocrats, but of the American public at large. The Saudi Kingdom has failed to earn that trust.

The 9/11 community is deeply and painfully familiar with the Saudi web of lies surrounding terrorism and the murders of our family members. For 25 years, they have lied about the role that their agents played in helping the hijackers. They have lied about how the Kingdom encouraged the international growth of an anti-American, radical Islam that was adopted by terrorists across the globe. They have lied about how their government-aligned "charities" knowingly funded and collaborated with terrorists, including al Qaeda. They have lied about what their Ministry of Islamic Affairs was doing to encourage and support terrorists. They have lied about their intelligence operations in the United States, including how their operatives and co-optees were directly aiding the hijackers who murdered our loved ones. There

has never been a reckoning for their lies about the attacks. Because of our 25-year fight for accountability, the damning evidence showing Saudi Arabia's role has now come to light and it is clear, and our elected officials can no longer ignore the issue in the context of policy decisions involving the Kingdom.

The Saudi lies are not limited to circumstances surrounding the run-up to the attacks; they have continued in the 25 years since then. They lied extensively to U.S. investigators in the wake of the attacks to conceal their support for al Qaeda and the attacks. They have shown profound disrespect for our nation's legal processes in the civil case our attorneys have brought against them. They have hidden evidence, coached or allowed their agents to lie about critical facts (wrongly assuming we would never secure access to the documentary evidence exposing those lies), and engaged in reprehensible legal gamesmanship. They made utterly dishonest threats against the United States economy to bully Congress into rejecting JASTA in 2016, going so far as to threaten to pull \$700 billion from the U.S. economy. (JASTA still passed. They never did. It was a lie.) After Congress passed that law, the Saudi Embassy deployed armies of undisclosed, illegal foreign agents to persuade Congress to repeal the law and did not stop until one of us exposed the despicable conduct in the press. They have bought the loyalty of former Members of Congress and Senators, and untold numbers of former staff members. You will certainly hear from those well-paid Saudi foreign agents soon, and probably already have.

The Kingdom has engaged in this endless deception precisely because the evidence is so overwhelming and they have no answer to it. The evidence shows that Omar al Bayoumi was a Saudi intelligence co-optee, reporting to the Saudi Embassy, who was actively engaged in helping the hijackers establish themselves in the United States as they planned the attack. It shows that Bayoumi took a 1999 "casing" video of the U.S Capitol, engaged in tactical paintball training with Anwar al Awlaki, and even kept a mathematical diagram showing how an airplane could descend to strike a building. The evidence shows the Saudi Ministry of Islamic Affairs and its aligned charities working under its direction were pervasively involved with providing material support to al Qaeda. If you would like third-party sources, please see the recent articles in the [BBC](#), [New York Post](#), and [Pro Publica](#), or review the extensive and ongoing [reporting](#) of investigative journalist [Catherine Herridge](#).

This Saudi Nuclear 123 Agreement is also an enormous gift to Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman and his loyalists. It will enable him to diversify his economy and sell more oil to the Chinese, and it will enrich his family by many billions of dollars. It will provide access to technologies and training that will advantage the Kingdom in myriad other strategic and economic respects. It will confer a privileged diplomatic and security status traditionally reserved for our most faithful allies. And, critically, it will require the United States to assume greater military and intelligence burdens to defend Saudi Arabia to protect the new nuclear facilities, resources, and technologies. We firmly believe that the Kingdom's deceit and refusal to engage constructively with respect to the 9/11 attacks should preclude such generosity.

Giving the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia access to nuclear materials and nuclear technologies means that, if modified and put to nefarious use, they will become an existential threat to the region and beyond. We understand that there is a robust inspection and compliance regime, but that system is still based on trust. You should only be subjecting the world to these risks if we are dealing with a nation that has a demonstrated history of honesty and trustworthiness. That is simply not the case here.

Please vote against this agreement, unless the Saudi leadership by the day of the vote have begun a constructive process to earn our trust by engaging in a constructive process to address the wrongdoing of their agents, citizens, and institutions, and have ceased their lies. As you know, we have asked President Trump to help secure that result, and section 5 of JASTA gives him a crucial tool to do so. Please urge the President to do so.

We further urge you to make clear your position now, before the November election, so that voters who care about September 11 and our nation's dealings with untrustworthy states like Saudi Arabia can make wise choices about how to vote. But make no mistake: a vote in favor of this agreement is a vote to brush aside 25 years of Saudi lies in order to put foreign interests ahead of those of the American citizens you represent.



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