CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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The Honorable Andrew Card
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Andy:

I am writing on behalf of the many residents of the Fourth Congressional District who lost family members on September 11, 2001. As you may know, they remain very concerned about the work of the Presidential Commission investigating the factors leading to the events of that tragic day.

These families especially want the Commission report to be made public, and to not be heavily redacted as the joint congressional committee report was. They also feel very strongly that the report should be released upon completion, not delayed many months by a national security review, as also happened with the congressional investigation.

I'm sure you can understand that these families' pain is only compounded by any suggestion that their government, to whom they look for protection and in which they want to believe, may not be entirely forthcoming to them regarding how and why their loved ones died. In contrast, they will take some measure of comfort in knowing we have learned from whatever mistakes or oversights occurred, and that this knowledge will lessen the chances that others will suffer as they did.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions.

Sincerely,

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