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## The Jordanian Opposition Coalition

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Secretary Rex Tillerson  
The U.S. Department of State  
2201 C St NW,  
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Jordan and Your Foreign Policy

Dear Secretary Tillerson,

On behalf of the **Jordanian Opposition Coalition (JOC)**, I would like to not only thank you for the sound and clear vision that you laid out before the US Congress during your confirmation hearing, but show our support for your confirmation through this letter.

Specifically, this letter will publicly support a variety of the foreign policy positions that you outlined on behalf of the Trump administration during that hearing. I base this support on the fact that the country I am exiled from – Jordan - has a HUGE stake in each-and-every issue that you addressed in your presentation before the US Congress. I will outline the arguments we support (and why) in this letter.

As I am sure that you and I will clearly agree, Jordan's relationship with the United States has always been special. Because of this special relationship, Jordan's King Abdallah II receives a huge sum of taxpayers' money each year in the form of foreign aid (\$1.6 billion each year per a very recent statement by the US Embassy in Amman). Sadly, this money is rarely used for what it's earmarked for, as I will exhibit more about this later in the letter.

As a man of the corporate world who will bring common sense and business ethics to the office, I hope that you will see through the following lines, that the **JOC** believes that the king's policies have been verbally positive and factually negative. On one hand, the King stands up and says he is on our side, yet on the other, he not only obstructs US policy, but also provides zero transparency in his actions. This has to change, and we believe that the concepts of balance sheet and corporate governance that the new administration will bring to the White House will bring effective change in the country, region and world.

For example:

First: Jordan's king works against US Interests with his clear and open support of ISIS and Islamic fundamentalism that allows both the Muslim Brotherhood to operate in the country without restriction and ISIS to infiltrate and cause terror in both the refugee camps and citizenry at large. In fact, this terrorism has spread to include tourists and unfortunately, Americans in uniform who are there to help protect a regime that clearly has not been helping in the fight as they promised.



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As you recall, in your presentation, you clearly stated that defeating ISIS was your priority. At the same time, did you know:

- Jordan's king's regime has been caught red-handed selling stolen British weapons to ISIS (confirmed by the British secret service and media);
- Under the king's direction, Jordanian intelligence officers have stolen US weapons allocated for 'moderate Syrian rebels' and then sold those to rouge anti-American and Israeli elements. In fact, one of those stolen weapons was used to kill two Americans about 13 months ago;
- Because of these actions, weapons are so widely available, that the price of both guns and bullets has dropped by almost 66% in less than 2 years;
- Jordan's king has been selling heavy equipment to ISIS – like Toyota trucks – in exchange for oil, cash, and regime support (a fact that can be easily confirmed by the Department of Treasury) [COMMENT: why the department of treasury and not the media like we have been saying].
- Jordan's king has been one of top buyers of ISIS oil, which in turn uses the sale of oil to finance terror operations that kill innocent Muslims, Christians, and Yazidis.
- The king has supported both the "kill a Jew go to heaven program" and contributes to the terrorist Martyr program run by Hamas (and others) that pays individual to kill themselves and others (Jews and Americans) for money;
- All of ISIS's major ideology preachers (or prophets), are already in Jordan including Abu Qatada, Abu Muhammad Makdisi and Abu Sayyaf. They are supported by the King and his long-term partners – the Muslim Brotherhood. They are allowed to move freely in and around Jordan, and do not antagonize the King and his Hashemite regime, yet forment anti-American and Israel feelings. On one hand, these feelings are supported by the King, who for some reason, tells the US and Israel that he doesn't support him. If that is the case, how come the king allowed/helped the Muslim Brotherhood amass a bank account of over \$3 billion, and that money was used to radicalize the new parliament with dozens of Islamic fundamentalists who urge hatred and war with both the US and Israel;
- Because of the Kings inaction, more than 4000 Jordanians have crossed the Jordanian border into Syria and joined ISIS. Done under the king's nose, this could never happen in a police state without the full knowledge and acceptance of the King and his Hashemite regime. This means that at worse, the king is an accomplice, and at best, the king is negligent and not fit for the job of ruling and protecting the country.

Next up, Jordan's king has been systemically empowering and helping the spread of radical Islamists groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, and unfortunately, ISIS. He has done that in a variety of ways, with two being the most important:

- He has given the Muslim Brotherhood a free hand to operate in the country – raising billions to spread terror and hate in the region;
- He has allowed Radical Islam – as defined in the attached resolution – to infiltrate the new parliament, with many of the new elected officials either coming from the Brotherhood itself, or supporters of radical beliefs that are counter to those of America, Israel and the West;

With that out of the way, the **JOC** agrees with your presentation that the US must win the war of ideas in the region and after the ideology of radical Islam. That is why we have supported the following legislation in the US Congress:

1. **HR 126 - Support As Introduced** – US supports efforts to promote Israeli-Palestinian Peace



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2. **HR 139 - Support As Introduced** – Condemning violence against religious minorities in the Middle East - with suggested amendments
3. **HR 222 - Support As Introduced** – Supports Bilateral negotiations between Israel and Palestinians without UN involvement
4. **HR 293 - Support As Introduced** – Condemns anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority - with suggested amendments
5. **HR 364 - Support As Introduced** – Defend Israel by Defunding Palestinian Foreign Aid Act of 2015.
6. **HR 402 - Support As Introduced** – Regarding politically motivated acts of boycott, divestment from, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel
7. **HR 2272 - Support As Introduced** - Intelligence Budget Transparency Act of 2015 – With Amendments
8. **HR 2376 - Support As Introduced** – The Cost of War Act of 2015 - with suggested amendments
9. **HR 3766 – Support as Introduced** – Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act
10. **HR 3892 – Support as Introduced** – Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act
11. **S 633 - Support As introduced** – Stand with Israel Act of 2015 –
12. **S 2184 – Support As Introduced** – Foreign Aid Transparency And Accountability Act
13. **S 2230 – Support As Introduced** - Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act

As you can see, the **JOC** has been not only following the actions of the US Government, but active in getting the word out, and believe that the most important pieces of legislation that we support are the budget transparency acts, the Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation acts and the stand with Israel acts.

We hope that the new administration will support these bills, and work with us to help create positive policies that bring substantive and effective economic, social and political change in the region.

At this point, I want to focus on the actions of the Muslim Brotherhood and the King's supportive actions. Simply put, as mentioned previously, Jordan's king has been empowering radical Islamists in Jordan, helping them spread radical ideology throughout the land, and then unfortunately, cracking down on the secular democracy movement. In fact, while all radicals roam freely in Jordan, seculars have been arrested, discriminated against and moderate ideology is being oppressed and silenced by the king's intelligence service. International groups ranging from Amnesty International and the Human Rights Watch to thousands of individuals support this. For example:

- Jordan is one of very few countries in the world whose government allows the Muslim Brotherhood to be officially registered and operate freely, in fact the MB is banned in most Arab countries, but not in Jordan.
- Jordan's king's tolerance of the Muslim Brotherhood is in fact an economic partnership that not only earns him money, but also keeps him in power while putting down his own subjects. This was most visible in October 2011 when Jordan's king Minister of Political Reform said on Aljazeera: "The Muslim Brotherhood is a part of the Hashemite regime".
- Jordan's king has never denied his connection or friendship with the Muslim Brotherhood, and proudly let the world know about their 'connections' in an infamous interview with the Atlantic Magazine (April' 2013).
- As you read this document, Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood has been licensed to operate as three different groups, while secular groups are not allowed even any form of registration. For the record, the MB is registered as "a charity" with the right to collect donations, and as such, has amassed a trust fund fortune worth \$3 billion. Additionally, the MB owns its own TV satellite



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network that preaches death to Americans, Jews and many democratic members of the west. The king denies this, but clearly supports it because it airs in Amman, under license from the king's regime. Additionally, the MB owns the second largest daily circulation newspaper, one of only five allowed in the iron fisted Jordan.

- In November 2016, the king allowed the MB and its affiliates to take over one third of the parliament which was selected (and not elected), by the king. What is interesting about this is twofold. First, you cannot run for office in Jordan without the permission of either the King or the Muslim Brotherhood, and second, there has been widespread (and documented) election rigging operations, with many contested by legal appeals. Clearly, the West should see that the king brought the MB to the Parliament.
- Enclosed with this letter are two important documents. First, are several of our intelligence briefings, all of which have been made available to the US Department of State through the Obama administration's ambassadors in both Amman and London. Created with help for our growing resources on the ground, these briefings clearly detail how the king handed the parliament to the Islamist. The second document is a resolution that we created with the help of other Islamic leaders. Simply put, it defines the term Radical Islam and its causes. We are currently working with world leaders to have this legislation introduced and supported by their legislatures;
- Finally, the world knows exactly whom the Muslim Brotherhood is: A terrorist group that has helped fund, supply, train and organize groups like Al-Qaida, Hamas, Hezbollah, and ISIS. In fact, what most don't realize is this: The Caliph of ISIS Caliph was a MB member, as well as Osama Ben Laden and Abu Musab Zarqawi.

Third: the Obama Administration has purposely ignored moderate Muslim Jordanians. As you recall, in your presentation, you stated that it is your policy to "empower moderate Muslims who are against radical Islam". We support that and want to help, and the **JOC** is the "moderate Muslim group" the USA, Israel and West should be supporting. We have made this case to US Ambassadors during the last 2 Obama years, and unfortunately, our request has fallen on deaf ears. This is puzzling because we know firsthand that the Amman embassy has been in touch with Jordanian Islamists and the Muslim Brotherhood, but not us. Why?

Fourth: Unfortunately, the US Department of State has ignored our repeated warnings that Jordan could (and will) spiral into unrest, become Syria II. This has led directly to the murder of US soldiers and four terrorist attacks since June of 2016. Why were our warnings ignored despite by US ambassador in Amman, Ms. Wells, Us Ambassador to UK, Mr. Barzun, and Lawrence R. Silverman Deputy Assistant Secretary of State?

Fifth: Jordanians are furious at what is going on, and the king is clamping down on them by increasing prices and arresting Jordanians for as little as supporting 'likes on Facebook' that he doesn't (he also is blocking many of the Opposition's websites, hindering the spread of democracy). This has caused serious unrest in the country, and we are hereby warning that this unrest is sending the country into total chaos that maybe be beyond repair. In fact, we believe, unless the status quo is changed and the king is softly and quickly ushered off the throne, Jordan will fall prey to chaos, Islamism, Syrianization and further trouble that compromise everyone's interests in the region.

Before I close Mr. Secretary, please let me confirm two concepts for you. First, the JOC stands firm against Obama's regime change policy. Second, we are the first Islamic movement to be peaceful, and



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the creation of our Constitution and actions in the US Congress should show that we want to work with America and not against it. As a result, we are seeking to maintain the Jordanian state, make it a democracy, and do this by dethroning a family of 88 royals who are irrelevant and don't account for any values in maintaining Jordan's security.

Additionally, it should be noted that the main reason for the Palestinian problem, rests in actions of the Hashemite throne against the Palestinian people. These actions range from the denying of international law and the taking of land given to the Palestinians and the theft of money given to the king because of a lack of transparency. Combined, we firmly believe that the solution to peace in the region is to recognize Jordan as Palestine, and provide incentives for them to move and settle there. We will be forwarding to you our Operation Jordan is Palestine Peace Plan under separate cover, within the next week.

In closing, we at the **Jordanian Opposition Coalition**, not only support your efforts, but pledge to work with you to help bring peace, stability, and democracy to the region. I look forward to hearing from you or your designated staff member over the course of the next 4 years.

Sincerely;

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