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President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
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Dear President El-Sisi,

Ahead of the occasion of your visit to the United States, I write to you on a matter of importance to the U.S.-Egypt relationship. As Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, I know firsthand that Egypt is a key strategic ally of the United States. The relationship between our two countries is built on a foundation of mutual interests: the pursuit of peace, shared prosperity, and strategic cooperation.

However, the Egyptian government's refusal to provide appropriate compensation to April Corley, an American citizen, is a disservice to this relationship. As you know, April Corley was grievously and permanently injured in Egypt's western desert by Egyptian armed forces on September 13, 2015, when her tour group was hit by a military air strike. This attack, which some Egyptian officials have admitted was an accident, lasted for several hours and resulted in the deaths of eight Mexican tourists and four Egyptians, as well as the wounding of at least eight others.

I recently met with April Corley in Washington, D.C., and was moved by her story. This brave young woman experiences constant pain as she recovers from wounds that required 10 surgeries. Because of the attack, April also suffers from severe PTSD that impacts her day-to-day life. A former professional athlete, April will never be able to compete again.

To date, the Egyptian government has offered April \$140,000 in damages, less than the cost of her medical evacuation out of Egypt. This is unacceptable. Until this American citizen is provided compensation that is commensurate with her pain, suffering, and loss, I regret to inform you that I will have to oppose any additional sale or upgrades of any AH-64E Apache helicopters to Egypt.

It is my sincere hope that your personal involvement will bring a fair, just and swift resolution to April Corley's case. I look forward to working with you and your representatives in Washington to address this matter.

Sincerely,

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