

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

March 29, 2019

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

We are writing concerning the case of April Corley, the American citizen who was grievously and permanently injured by the Egyptian armed forces on September 13, 2015, when her tour group in Egypt's western desert was hit by a military air strike from a U.S.-funded and supplied Boeing AH-64 Apache helicopter. That attack also caused the deaths of eight Mexican tourists and four Egyptians, and at least eight others were injured. The Egyptian government has admitted its armed forces "accidentally" targeted the tour group. April is in constant pain and will never be able to work again. Yet the Egyptian government still refuses to provide her fair compensation, offering instead an amount that is half of what we understand she paid for the medivac alone.

There is strong congressional interest in April's situation. A bipartisan group of 46 Members of Congress wrote to you on December 12, 2018, about her case. And in the Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY 2019 Department of State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, the State Department is required to report to the relevant congressional committees about the status of her case within 30 days.

We are grateful you raised April's case with senior Egyptian officials during your recent trip to Cairo. Yet more needs to be done to resolve this matter.


On November 28, 2018, the State Department announced that it had approved the sale of 10 AH-64E Apache helicopters (and other lethal equipment) to Egypt for \$1 billion. However, it is our understanding that the sale has not yet been finalized. We therefore urge you to inform the Egyptian authorities that the Apache sale, or the upgrade of existing Apaches, will not move forward until April's case is satisfactorily resolved. To do otherwise would be seen as rewarding the Egyptian armed forces with more of the same lethal equipment that they used to recklessly injure an American tourist, despite the Egyptian government's failure to provide her fair compensation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Vice Chairman  
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Chairwoman  
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