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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Madam Speaker:

As Members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, we believe that even the limited information made available to date – both classified and unclassified – strongly indicates that the circumstances surrounding the shootings at Fort Hood require immediate and thorough investigation.

The record appears to establish significant intelligence and intelligence sharing failures that must be reviewed and addressed immediately to ensure that the American people receive the fullest protection against potential attacks. We strongly disagree with the suggestion that Congress should abdicate its Constitutional oversight and fact-finding responsibilities in this regard. Extensive precedent has established that oversight in no way interferes with concurrent criminal prosecution – particularly where, as here, prosecutors have no responsibility for the even more critical task of ensuring the effectiveness of our intelligence community. The future security of over 300 million Americans is far more pressing than after-the-fact investigation of one man.

Only thorough, effective, and immediate congressional oversight activities will ensure that this matter receives the full and immediate attention that is required.

Sincerely,



Peter Hoekstra
Ranking Republican



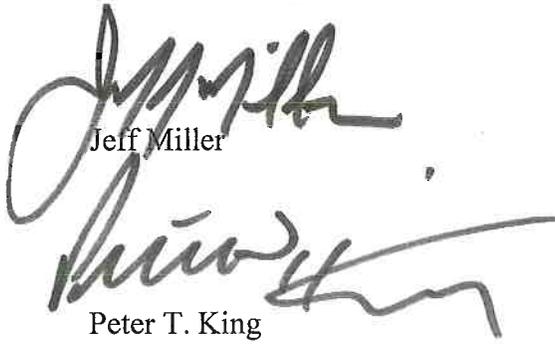
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