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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

A new dimension has been added to the fight against the Islamic State. In response to the brutal killing of the Jordanian pilot at the hands of the Islamic State, Jordan has promised swift and forceful retribution—and rightly so. In fact, Jordan is uniquely positioned to support and perhaps lead the fight against the Islamic State, and it's now our obligation to offer Jordan our full support in this effort.

As you might know, your administration denied a DSP-5 license request to provide unarmed Predator XP platforms to Jordan. The Predator XP—as one of several unmanned aerial systems manufactured domestically—is able to provide ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance) capability that is much needed for a nation such as Jordan—and the decision to deny the license request should be reversed immediately. Doing so will provide Jordan critical mission capability in the fight against the Islamic State and ensure Jordan is given every advantage.

Jordan has made requests for specific resources—including ammunition. Given our mutual interests, and our strong relationship, it's absolutely critical that we provide Jordan the support needed to defeat the Islamic State.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter".

Duncan Hunter  
Member of Congress