

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

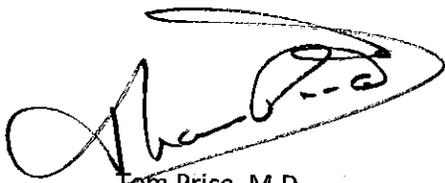
There are disturbing reports that Syria is moving parts of its vast arsenal of nerve agents and chemical weapons away from existing sites. Last week, the Wall Street Journal reported that Syria began moving the country's undeclared stockpiles of sarin nerve agent, mustard gas and cyanide to new locations.

The civil war has spread beyond Hama and Homs with opposition forces making gains in key areas. Indeed, fighting has spilled into the Capital of Damascus for a fifth straight day which has resulted in defections and the deaths of top Syrian military officials – there are even reports that Assad himself has fled the Capital.

Whether the Assad regime plans to use these weapons against his own people or because their current locations have been compromised, the move clearly presents a danger. And while the motivation remains unclear, what is clear is that these chemical weapons, should they come into play, would escalate the conflict not only within Syria but could engulf the region. In addition, should these weapons of mass murder along with highly advanced technologies fall into the hands of Hamas, Hezbollah, al-Qaeda, or other terrorist groups, the balance of power would clearly shift leaving Israel and our friends in serious jeopardy. This is a significant danger to our national security and untenable position for our allies around the world.

Therefore, Mr. President, we urge that if these weapons are used, the consequences to the Assad regime should be swift and complete. We further urge that you work with our Allies to ensure that chemical and biological weapons along with advanced military technology do not fall into the hands of terrorist organizations that would most assuredly bring harm to the American people and our friends around the world.

Yours Truly,



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