

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 5, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

CC: Donald J. Trump, President of the United States

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

We write to request that you release all audio and video footage from the kinetic strikes on alleged drug boats in the Caribbean on September 2, 2025, including the follow-on strikes.

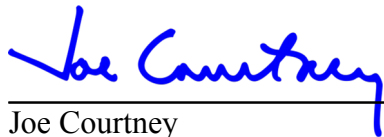
Our concern stems from reports that you, as Secretary of Defense, issued an order to “kill everybody,” followed by additional strikes seeking to kill the two remaining unarmed, shipwrecked individuals.

The American people deserve transparency on these attacks; it is your obligation to release the footage. We look forward to your prompt response and release of this footage to the public, as has already been promised by President Trump.

Sincerely,



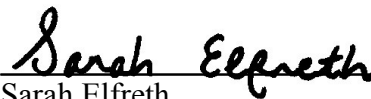
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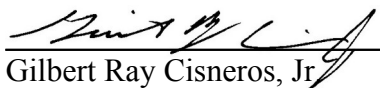
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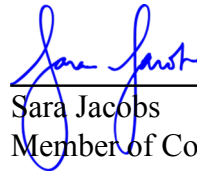
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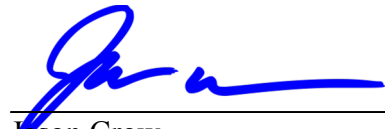
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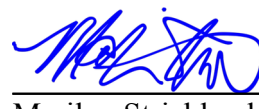
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