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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing you in regard to the upcoming elections in Afghanistan. A clearly fraudulent election will make a mockery of the commitment that the U.S. has made there. Our brave military personnel are not putting their lives at risk in Afghanistan to facilitate a fraudulent election. It is imperative that we work with local leaders and officials and exercise our moral and practical influence to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and thwart attempts to undermine it.

We should not look the other way if there is large scale fraud being used to keep the current Afghan government in power. If the election is clean and fair, there are any number of good candidates who could win. The Afghan people deserve to be represented by those whom they choose, and if we let terrorist thugs or corrupt officials take that away from them, then the sacrifice of our military personnel as well as the good people of Afghanistan will have been in vain.

This isn't just about Karzai's re-election; this is about the people of Afghanistan making the decision through the ballot box. Whether it's Karzai or Abdullah, the people of Afghanistan deserve the right to have an honest election. The United States and our allies must work with those actually running the election process to make sure the reported threats of polling place disruption and ballot box stuffing never come to fruition. This election will define democracy for the Afghan people. If they conclude that democracy is a corrupt game, they and the world will all be losers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher  
Member of Congress