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Mrs. Libby Liu
President
Radio Free Asia
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Dear Mrs. Liu,

As the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations I have become well acquainted with the workings of America public diplomacy and especially the significant role Radio Free Asia (RFA) plays in that effort. As America's strategic focus shifts from the Middle East to the Western Pacific and Asia, the accurate and free information RFA provides oppressed people in Asia will only grow in importance. It is in this context that I request that RFA undertake the efforts required to begin reporting on, and broadcasting to, the Baluchi population in the Baluchi language, especially those who live in Pakistan and Iran.

The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held a hearing on Baluchistan last month and it is clear to me that that the Baluchi people are being severely repressed by the Pakistani government and that the Baluchi nation has a right to self-determination. The central Government of Pakistan, despite the billions of dollars in aid that the US government has provided, has not acted in good faith with America, targets Americans for murder and has purposefully moved closer to their main ally, Communist China. Because of these factors, America's strategic calculus regarding Pakistan is changing.

While the government and intelligence services in Pakistan act against the interests of the United States, I believe America can find common ground with the people of South Asia. The Baluchi people would be very receptive to RFA broadcasts in their own language and the increased exposure to accurate and objective news would no doubt be to our and their great benefit.

Sincerely,

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

Dana Rohrabacher
Chairman
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