## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 12, 2018

Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States 601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20037

Dear Prince Khaled bin Salman:

We are writing to you with concerns about the recent disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi, a prominent Saudi journalist and resident of the United States. Mr. Khashoggi was last seen entering the Saudi Arabia consulate in Istanbul on October 2, 2018, in order to fill out documents relating to a pending marriage. However, he has not been seen since this time, and there is no record of Mr. Khashoggi having left the consulate. Additionally, there have been conflicting reports circulating in U.S. and international media relating to his safety and whereabouts at this time.

Mr. Khashoggi was a respected writer and journalist who has commented extensively on Middle East and Saudi matters. As a result of his criticism of the Saudi government, he had evinced fears for his safety and had relocated to the United States in July 2017 due to these concerns. The United States Constitution recognizes the importance of a free and robust media, and Mr. Khashoggi's perspective and unique voice played a key role in providing context and understanding of the current events and latest developments in the Middle East political landscape.

The United States believes in a free and open press and takes the safety and security of those expressing perspectives on all sides very seriously, and we are concerned about these allegations and the fate of Mr. Khashoggi. Journalists around the world must be allowed to conduct their jobs without fear of retaliation. With this in mind, we are requesting the full cooperation of the Saudi government into an independent investigation of Mr. Khashoggi's whereabouts. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to a full and fair accounting of the facts of Mr. Khashoggi's disappearance.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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