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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

More than a week ago, a coalition led by the terrorist organization Hezbollah caused the crumbling of the Lebanese Government. Hezbollah is now seeking to form a new cabinet where it and its allies would control many crucial Lebanese ministries – including defense, interior, foreign affairs, and the finances of the country.

This is an unprecedented power grab by a terrorist organization, which has a global reach in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Latin America, perhaps even on our southern border and inside the United States itself. Hezbollah is the proxy army of Iran, and Iran has made it into the most well-trained and well-funded terrorist group in the world. The situation in Lebanon, and the growing global power of Hezbollah, should be a great cause of concern to Americans.

The people of Lebanon, particularly the Lebanese youth, have been demonstrating in the streets of Beirut, Tripoli and other areas, sending America a clear message about their rejection of Hezbollah. For some time now, Lebanon has been under the threat of Hezbollah's powerful militia, which has thousands of rockets and missiles, and whose members – according to media reports – are likely to be indicted in the 2005 terror assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri. Hezbollah is using this militia to threaten and bully Lebanon so that it can create a new government that would become a puppet of the Iranian regime, much like the Syrian regime.

We must not let Iran gain further influence in the Middle East.

Mr. President, please show solidarity with the Lebanese people by rejecting any recognition of a Hezbollah government. Please call on the United Nations to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559, which calls for disarming of the militias in Lebanon who are threatening its peace-loving people.

Thank you for your attention to this serious security issue.

Sincerely,

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