

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 17, 2013

The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

We write today to express our concern about the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

Recent news reports indicate that the UNRWA is using educational programs to promote violence, anti-Semitism, and religious extremism among Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and the occupied Palestinian territory. While internal UNRWA investigations have found such claims to be false, we respectfully request that the U.S. Department of State: (1) independently investigate the veracity of these allegations, and (2) take immediate action to increase oversight of U.S. economic aid to UNRWA. As the largest single-state contributor to the UNRWA, the U.S. cannot afford to continue to bankroll such deplorable programs.

In particular, we ask that the U.S. Department of State investigate such activities to determine if they are in violation of the policy commitments set forth in the Framework for Cooperation between UNRWA and the United States of America for 2013, and Section 301(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (P.L. 87-195).

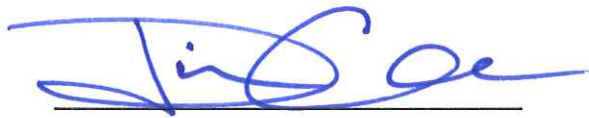
In the event that the U.S. Department of State has already initiated or concluded such efforts, we would appreciate any and all information that you can share with regard to such investigations and reforms.

We appreciate the State Department's ongoing humanitarian efforts in the Middle East – especially during this precarious period – and we recognize the beneficial role that humanitarian aid programs play in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy. That being said, we cannot support the continued provision of U.S. taxpayer dollars to organizations, which seek to undermine U.S. foreign policy and our efforts to bring

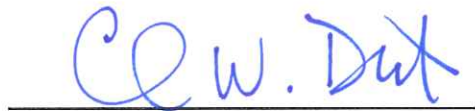
peace and stability abroad. There is simply no justification for U.S. taxpayers to support organizations, which encourage the dissemination of hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism.

Thank you for your consideration with regard to this request. We look forward to your response.


Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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