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U.S. Taxpayer Money Must Not be Used To Fund the Morsi Muslim Brotherhood Led Government

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U.S. Taxpayer Money Must Not be Used To Fund the Morsi Muslim Brotherhood Led Government *Co-Sponsor H.R. 416 – The Egypt Accountability and Democracy Promotion Act*

Dear Colleague,

With turmoil once again on the rise in Egypt and the future of the Morsi Muslim Brotherhood-led government in doubt, it is clear that the United States needs to seriously reevaluate its foreign policy objectives when dealing with the Egyptian government. Morsi's continued civil rights violations have led to the current rise in violent protests in Egypt. This uncertainty in his ability to lead Egypt should give the United States reason to pause when considering continuing to provide foreign assistance to the government of Egypt.

In addition to Morsi's inability to maintain peace and order within his own country, it is becoming clear that he cannot be a trusted broker for peace in the Middle East. It has recently come to light that Morsi has described Jews and Zionists as "bloodsuckers who attack Palestinians" and "the descendants of apes and pigs," and has instructed Egyptians that they must "nurse [there] children and [] grandchildren on hatred" for Jews and Zionists. These statements call into question his vision for his country's future relations with our closest friend and ally, the democratic Jewish State of Israel.

These actions all add up to very real concerns that if the United States were to continue to aid the Egyptian government, that aid could possibly be used for nefarious intentions. Therefore, I urge you to join me and cosponsor H.R. 416 – the Egypt Accountability and Democracy Promotion Act. This bill will condition security and economic assistance to the government of Egypt in order

to advance U.S. national security interests, including the advancement of political, economic and religious freedom in Egypt. The Egypt Accountability and Democracy Promotion Act conditions U.S. aid to Egypt upon certification that Egypt is:

- Not controlled by a foreign terrorist organization,
- Transitioning to a free-market democratic government,
- Adopting and implementing legal reforms that protect the rights of all citizens,
- Fully implementing the Israel-Egypt peace treaty,
- Destroying the smuggling network between Egypt and Gaza

If you would like to cosponsor, or if you have any questions regarding this bill, please contact Golan Rodgers, at Golan.rodgers@mail.house.gov or at 202-225-3345.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress