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October 29, 2013

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
495 State Street, Suite 330
Salem, OR 97301

Dear U.S. Senator Merkley,

We are taking this opportunity to express our concern regarding Section 1021 of the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act).

Simply put, this provision allows certain officers of the Federal Government, based solely on suspicion of association or affiliation with terrorist activity, to detain indefinitely a citizen or citizens of the United States. In addition, a person so charged can be denied legal counsel, access to evidence against them, or a trial either civilian or military.

We are all mindful of the threats against our society that exist today. Unfortunately, at times they come from within. The security challenges we face today however, must not result in weakening the Constitutional guarantees and protections which are the very bedrock of our Government and society.

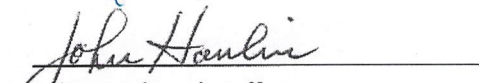
We ask, therefore, that you take such actions as may be necessary to repeal Section 1021 of the NDAA.

It is important to note that Section 1021 has been judged unconstitutional in several Federal court cases.

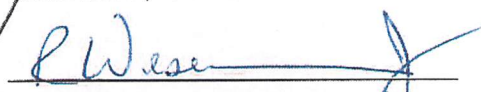
Sincerely,



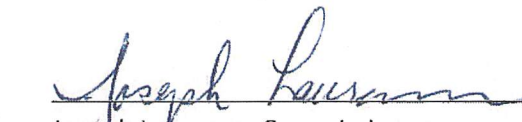
Doug Robertson, Commissioner



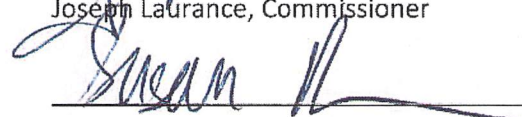
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