

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 12, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E970
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

As some of the few members of Congress who have seen the complete, unedited video of the strikes on September 2 against a maritime vessel, we write to stress our grave concerns surrounding their circumstances. As we have expressed directly to you, Secretary Rubio, General Caine, and Admiral Bradley, it is critical that you provide full transparency to Congress and to the American people.

We therefore reiterate our request that you make the complete, unedited, full resolution video of the September 2 strikes available to all Members of the House and Senate before Congress completes its legislative session this month. We also urge you to expedite the public release of the video, taking into account appropriate precautions to protect sources and methods, so that the American people can judge for themselves the legality and necessity of their government engaging in such activities that potentially put our men and women in uniform at risk.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



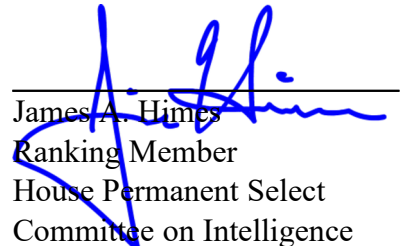
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