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AN OPEN LETTER TO:

The Honorable Jane Harman, Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment  
176 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Harman:

Your bill H.R. 1955 and the attempt by Mark Weitzman on Nov. 6 to use your ear to limit freedom of speech in the ongoing public investigation by the American people of the crime committed on Sept. 11, 2001, are causes for great concern. While I am not a member of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, I find Mr. Weitzman's attempt to categorize this organization as "terrorists" highly reprehensible. I request that your committee and the Congress closely examine Mr. Weitzman's reasoning and motives for this assertion.

The mass murder that took place on 9/11 is no less horrendous than the Holocaust itself, simply smaller in scope as far as the number of innocent lives lost. Mr. Weitzman has apparently forgotten the unrelenting persistence of Simon Wiesenthal in pursuing "The Murderers Among Us", as well as the sacrifices made by those who risked their lives to save a life.

My family is among those who sheltered a little Jewish child from the Nazis in The Netherlands during World War II. When the Gestapo came to take the child, my aunt clung to the baby fiercely, and declared the child was her own. Adult relatives of that child perished. That small child is now a grandmother and an integral member of my extended family. Before their passing, my uncle and aunt, Pieter and Hendrieka Hooijkaas of Hilversum, The Netherlands, traveled to Israel as guests of the Israeli government to receive a medal and the honor accorded those who had saved a life during the Holocaust.

It is increasingly apparent to many citizens that the 9/11 Commission Report failed miserably in answering a host of questions that require an answer. Even Kean and Hamilton, who chaired the Commission, themselves state in their book "Without Precedent" (p. 261) that: "Fog of war would explain why some people were confused on the day of 9/11, but it could not explain why all of the after-action reports, accident investigations, and public testimony by FAA and NORAD officials advanced an account of 9/11 that was untrue." Is it any wonder, then, that the American people are not satisfied with their Report?

By failing to answer questions that are obvious and imperative to those who look at the evidence, the government itself is largely responsible for the proliferation of so-called "conspiracy theories." It is a source of continuing wonder that the government, having failed in countless ways to prevent the attacks of 9/11, could "solve" the whole plot within 48

hours, resist a scientific investigation, and still neglect years later to sanction anyone for incompetence. This behavior is enough to put a strain on the credulity of most citizens.

My own independent study of the events of 9/11 and the destruction of the three buildings, WTC 1, 2, and 7, raises concerns far beyond the deficiencies of the 9/11 Commission Report. As a PhD physicist, I find that the physical evidence surrounding the events does not support the official theory. To this day, neither NIST nor FEMA can explain the collapses themselves or the many obvious features that suggest some form of explosive demolition. These features cannot be attributed to gravitational collapse following damage by impacting planes, flying debris, and fire.

Those who deprecate the research efforts of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, and other scientists, do not understand the methods of science or the scientific mind. Scrupulous honesty and intellectual integrity are the norm for scientists. Their search for truth is apolitical, but their findings can have immense political and social ramifications.

Galileo presented truths that challenged the authorities of his day. If your committee and Bill are used to silence valid scientific research, a thousand “Galileos” will arise, both to your shame and the shame of our nation. If the official theory of the buildings’ collapse is correct, let it be proven beyond all scientific doubt. The safety and engineering of high-rise steel-framed buildings depends on the physical truth - a question for science, not politics. And if the truth lies elsewhere than in the official theory, it cannot and should not be suppressed. To do so would spurn 400 years of scientific progress as well as confirm Joel S. Hirschhorn’s suggestion that we have only “a delusional democracy.”

As the International Task Force Director and UN Representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Mark Weitzman has an obligation to carry on the work of Simon Wiesenthal in its spirit and letter. The biography of Simon Wiesenthal, as found on the Center’s website, is illuminating and pertinent. Mr. Wiesenthal had an “architect’s structural acumen, ... and a brilliant talent for investigative thinking.” In like manner, the members of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth and others are pursuing the complexities of 9/11 despite a recalcitrant government, a disinterested Congress, and a mass media that mocks their efforts. And eventually, for the victims of 9/11 and their families, they will be able to say, like Simon Wiesenthal, “I did not forget you.”

Sincerely yours,

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