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The Honorable John Kerry  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
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Via Fax: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Council on Pakistan Relations, I am writing to express my strong support for your efforts to improve U.S.-Pakistan relations and the goals outlined in the Pakistan aid bill.

Despite recent media reports, especially in the Boston Globe, regarding alleged Pakistani government ties to the Taliban, the Council believes that only through continued engagement with Pakistan will the U.S. be able to protect its long-term interests. As you well know, it will take a sustained effort by the U.S. to demonstrate to all segments of Pakistani society that we are committed to helping the country develop and we will be there over the long run. U.S. policy towards Pakistan in the past has been transactional and focused on short-term objectives. Your efforts and those of the Obama Administration will over time produce tangible results and will help the U.S. to establish a new relationship with Pakistan.

If there is anything the Council can do to publicly support your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me. Although the American public is skeptical of our policy towards Pakistan and Afghanistan, we cannot abandon our efforts to stabilize and modernize those two countries.

Sincerely,

Ashraf Qazi  
Chairman