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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

January has been a horrific month for the people of Nigeria, as they have suffered the destruction of whole communities and the loss of thousands of lives at the hands of terrorists whose barbaric hatred for humanity has shocked the world.

It staggers belief that Boko Haram still has the capability to carry out its brutal campaign of violence, including the use of children as suicide bombers, while the government remains all but impotent in protecting its own citizens.

You have repeatedly urged the government of Nigeria to take all possible steps to address the urgent threat of Boko Haram. Time is running out, Mr. Secretary, for the patient urging of the Jonathan regime. While we acknowledge the country's political complexities, there can be no escaping the fact that the government of Nigeria must be held accountable for its failures.

The United States cannot stand idly by while we witness the destruction of a country that has long been a friend and ally. We must not allow another Rwanda to unfold before our eyes. I ask you to answer the American people who are demanding to know what steps will be taken—including a possible reconsideration of our large foreign assistance program—to hold the government of Nigeria accountable for its lack of progress in ending this scourge.

Sincerely,

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