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The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

I am urging you to investigate reports of murderous violence against the Uighurs, who are the native people of East Turkestan, as well as continued repression of their religious and political rights.

During our holiday season as we celebrated the Fourth of July there have been alarming reports of violence against, and killings of, hundreds of Uighurs. The friction between the Han Chinese, who have been moved into East Turkestan, and the native Uighur population is, of course, one explanation for this inexcusable violence and repression used against the Uighurs. In this case there are reports that hundreds have been shot down.

If indeed there has been a massacre of Uighurs, I would hope that you demand to know who is responsible, and if the communist Chinese government in Beijing refuses to assign responsibility, we must assume that this is consistent with their policy of repression against the Uighurs and other groups in China. This is a case that calls out for unambiguous condemnation on the part of the United States. Silence or quiet condemnation will only serve to encourage those in the Chinese government who would use deadly force to maintain their power and authority. Your words will make a difference one way or the other and will be remembered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher  
Member of Congress