Dear Senator Cassidy,

As you most likely know there was a recent revealing that the CIA was responsible for killing a suspected terrorist in 2011. The event was carried out through a drone and had been given permission to be carried out by the President. Other details revealed the suspected terrorist, Al-Awlaki, was a member of Al-Qaeda, but also an American citizen. In the process of taking him out, his positively innocent son was also killed. After gaining the knowledge of the facts, many American citizens were against the course of action and brought up the idea the action of killing this man was illegal and against the American Constitution. We have come to believe you will agree with the idea and help address the issue.

It is reasonable that you would take action because of your position of power as well as conservative views. You were elected to the senate because of your desire to make sure this country will find a balance between safety and freedom. As a way to help fix this issue, we have developed a few suggestions we hope you could discuss with other powerful representatives of the people so we may surpass this problem. As stated before this act was done with a drone and we believe involving such controversial technology with the situation was the first problem. As an American citizen, he should have been granted his right to have a trial for his charges. Denial of a court hearing, being killed by a drone sent by the military, controlled by someone far away, while also killing his child and not just him, is an unlawful and cruel crime. Some may ask how being killed by something instead of someone is cowardly, and the answer is simple, if a person is killed by someone they see face to face they are given the dignity of knowing who killed them as opposed to an anonymous assassin.

America did not have full permission to use a drone on Yemen soil. Actions like this will lead the United States to act unlawfully in more disagreements between other countries. There is no point in almost causing a war to kill a citizen without a trial as well as killing those around him. The use of drones involves harming people nearby, which leads to increasing random deaths and destruction. The people who have become a part of collateral damage are often brushed aside and are regarded as the price to pay to get rid of the original target. Even without the collateral damage Americans should not target their own citizens in a foreign country. Instigation of improper “assassination” can lead to unwanted conflict in other territories. Would the war created justify the death of the criminal? What makes this citizen’s rights less than that of the Americans living on our soil?

We would like you to continue to think about what we are suggesting, and hopefully take action.

Sincerely,

A school attending Cyber Discovery Camp