Dear Senator Vitter,

As it is an increasingly questionable and impacting issue in the United States, we would like to discuss some concerns regarding military drone use. An issue has been called into question in recent news about Al-Awlaki, a legal American citizen who was denied trial by jury before being executed via drone strike, charged with terrorism on the United States.

As a group of American citizens, we believe that the Al-Awlaki decision was justified, due to the fact that Awlaki had turned against our nation. We agree that as an American citizen, you are entitled to certain unalienable rights which grant you right to a trial before legal action. However, we feel the choice to commit acts that threaten our national security supersedes the privilege to such rights. Therefore, we believe in the support of our state senator in the Awlaki policy.

The question of drone use for national security purposes remains an issue. Some citizens are wary as to the amount of liberty our government takes when ordering drone strikes. Some critics argue that Awlaki was still an American citizen. In the sense of that argument, an American citizen was executed by drone; is there any form of security in place to limit drone strike capabilities?

To ensure that decisions regarding this issue are considered both ethically and legally before being finalized, we propose that the ability to order a drone strike be given to the military. The United States military requires Congressional approval before making major decisions. America’s Congress members are voted into position by the people, therefore putting this power in our hands. This ensures the further protection of our nation through drone strikes without allowing too much power to call a strike at any moment.

As concerned citizens of both Louisiana and the United States as a whole, we ask that these issues be addressed, and our thoughts be considered when taking further action.

Respectfully,

The people