Dear Senator Vitter,

Over the past ten years Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) have become common place in the working of Central Intelligence Agencies (CIA) assassination. Along with this comes the growing concern of the possibility that these UCAVs could possibly be used on United States of America citizens. Many citizens might see this as a violation to their natural born rights as a United States of America citizen. This calls to mind the arguments of legality, efficiency and the representation of our national values balanced between security and liberty.

Is it legal to murder another human being without a proper trial? This is the question we have to ask ourselves when considering the use of UCAVs. This is a major factor in the case of Anwar al-Awlaki because of his United States of America citizenship. Even though he lived in the United States of America through his teenage and college years he would eventually become an essential part of many large-scale terrorist organizations It becomes a legal issue when we are forced to eliminate an United States America citizen without due process. In no circumstance should it be legal for any American to receive judgement without trial, no matter how heinous or inhumane the crimes.

In the case of efficiency of UCAVs approximately 4,000 to 5,000 have been killed and 20% to 25% of the causalities have been civilian. Such a low efficiency should not permit the use of UCAVs in attacks and assassinations in crowded areas. The standard missile that UCAVs are equipped with are Hellfire II missile. These missiles have a 50% kill rate within 100 yards, which is equivalent to deciding someone’s life by flipping a coin.

Representing the United States of America should not be a Predator or Reaper drone waiting to destroy any neighborhood at any time. We as Americans expect to be safe and secure but keep our privacy intact. We do not give other countries the same rights we expect in our own country. This is where we have to think if it in terms of safety and is it right for us to take away another countries safety. Thinking of this we have to decide or more exactly you have to decide whether or not it is a decision worth making.

These are the points of view you have to consider on when voting on whether or not the decision is worth the consequences of the action. UCAVs are powerful machines that can inflict mass amount of damage. This is where legality, efficiency and the representation of our national values balanced between security and liberty comes into the voting process. So now Senator Vitter the vote is up to you.

Yours truly,

Concerned Citizen