Senator David Vitter,

We are concerned students that have certain issues to address about our nation’s security, specifically the situation with Anwar al-Alwaki. We recognize that you are a republican and that you may not agree with all of President Barack Obama’s policies. However, we would like to share our thoughts on issues concerning the elimination of known terrorist.

Anwar al-Alwaki was murdered by a drone in September 2011, the same month as the 9/11 attack on the twin towers of New York City and the Pentagon. It is a stated fact that al-Alwaki was once a native of the United States having lived in New Mexico before moving to Pakistan. Some people would argue the fact that President Obama killed him without giving him the opportunity afforded a United States citizen, the right to due trial. However, as a group, we feel that the president did the right thing.

When al-Alwaki left the country and moved to Pakistan, it was said that he had certain relationships with terrorist groups, such as the Taliban, that have a deep hatred towards the United States. Their main leader was Osama Bin Laden who was the master mind of the 9/11 attack. Reports also say that he was hiding Bin Laden from the media and other organizations. Understanding the destruction that was already caused by the attack and the fact that a former U.S. native was having affiliations with a terrorist gives additional reasons to eliminate him. That itself goes against all rules to our country and is not acceptable by any means.

As the Commander and Chief, President Obama has the authority to command any attack towards our enemies if he feels our national security is threatened. President Obama can call up the military for attack or strike against any enemy and that is what he did against al-Alwaki. To completely understand the problem, we have to realize the things he caused against us as well. Even though he was a citizen he is no longer a part of our country. So to protect the people and citizens of our nation, President Obama had to take precautions for our protection.

The New York Times magazine also states that al-Alwaki’s sixteen year old son was killed even though he had committed no crimes whatsoever. Critics say that President Obama should not have taken such quick actions in this matter. However, in war there are always collateral damage. We are certain that al-Alwaki would not care if your son or daughter were killed while trying to kill you.

In my conclusion, we feel that President Obama did and should do whatever is necessary for the protection of our country, even if it includes murdering without question of any sort. As our state senator, we expect you to listen with the concerns that we have as being citizens. We stand firmly on our thoughts about this particular problem and need your agreement to back us up.