Dear Congresswoman Landrieu,

Sending drones to kill Anwar al- Awlaki was unconstitutional because he was a U.S citizen and deserved a trial by jury according to the Bill of Rights. What President Obama did, was kill two American citizens, thus violating the sixth amendment. One of our rights as an American is the right to trial by jury no matter the crime. This should not be ignored just because they are a threat to national security. That kind of thinking isn’t fair to the people of the United States, and it is just a shortcut to what our founding fathers worked to insure, liberty. The killing of al-Awlaki and his son was unconstitutional because they could have picked him up without killing him since Yemen was willing to negotiate.

This killing of a U.S. citizen could put the public in doubt of our government, because as Americans our morals are deeply tied to our history and the Bill of Rights. An abandonment of the rules, such as this, could result in the people thinking the government has dismissed the laws it was founded on. All governments on all stages should be able to uphold all of the laws they have made. The U.S. Constitution is one of those documents that any government in all the land of the United States should hold up with the most priority. When President Obama authorized the killing of two U.S. citizens he not only broke the law, but he lost the trust of the American people. President Obama should not have called in the drone strike that took the lives of two Americans, even though they committed crimes against the American people.

We think that an investigation should be conducted into the President’s decision to use the drones. We think that the suspected terrorist could have been picked up, arrested, and questioned before we killed him. By the order of the constitution he had the right to a fair trial with a jury of his peers. With the investigation you could show the citizens of America that the government cares about the wellbeing of all the laws. Suggestions that could be made to the drone law are that the drones could not use lethal weapons, but weapons that are made to capture or subdue a target. This way the suspect can at least be brought in and put on trial. We believe that with these simple adjustments people will be happy because the government has stayed inside the law and they are safe. The government will also be happy because they get to stop a threat to society. We believe that this will also help with the ethical concerns, because not only is the suspect subdued, but innocent people like the son of al-Awlaki are not killed or harmed. In conclusion, we believe the government overstepped it boundaries and crossed the line. We hope with your help there will be an investigation into the death of Anwar al-Awlaki.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A Concerned U.S. Citizen