Senator Vitter, we would like for you to consider our reasoning for supporting the President when he chooses to use drones for the purpose of terminating terrorists to our country. Anwar al-Awlaki was killed in Yemen , because of the terrorist group he was a leader of and an advisor to, called al-Qaeda. He and his son were attacked by a drone controlled by the United States Central Intelligence Agency. This action was sanctioned by the President of the United States, Barack Obama, on September 30, 2011. Critics are accusing the president of breaching the rights of a United States citizen. We, however, believe that Anwar al-Awlaki committed treason against his country and was therefore justifiably and leagally denied his rights according to the Sixth amendment.

A simplified definition of treason is betrayal of one’s own country to an enemy. Al-Awlaki was a high ranking officer in a terrorist group called al Qaeda. This group had tried to attack the United States several times. Our contention is that by allying with this group, al-Awlaki committed treason to the United States of America by giving aid to the threat of al Qaeda by sheltering and instructing al Qaeda camps for the next generation of terrorists. We believe that he carried out death threats toward the United States military.

Although al-Awlaki was in the independent country of Yemen, he was still a U.S citizen and was therefore held accountable for the crimes he committed against his country. According to the United States Code 2381, if a U.S citizen, has or is giving aid or comfort to an enemy of the country, in or out of the United States, he has committed the act of treason and is therefore liable to be punished by death without trial by jury. Many critics are accusing the President and the CIA of denying this U.S citizen of his inalienable right for a trial by jury, as provided by the Sixth Amendment.

As stated under Article III, Section III, of the United States Constitution, any person who levies war against the United States or adheres to its enemies by giving them aid and comfort has committed treason within the meaning of the Constitution. This is a clear example of how al-Awlaki committed treason, leaving no room to guess or point fingers. To clarify al-Awlaki’s conviction, he was caught training and sheltering al Qaeda, and attacking the United States soldiers in Iraq.

In conclusion, we urge you to support the President because of the legality of the information provided above. Though we citizens may not always agree with the decisions the President makes, we should respect his decisions as administrator of our country enforcing our security and liberty.

Sincerely,

Your constituents