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Mac Thornberry
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Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
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Dear Chairman Thornberry and Ranking Member Smith:

I write to you today to urge the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) to immediately hold a hearing on President Obama's draft Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). ISIL has held significant territory in Iraq and Syria for over a year, propagating acts of unspeakable terror and violence, which has resulted in the deaths of Americans amidst an overall destabilization of the region. This has prompted President Obama to engage the U.S. military in airstrikes and other operations, which are under the jurisdiction of the HASC. Given that an AUMF will impact current and future defense policy, it is incumbent upon the Committee to address the President's proposed legislation in a hearing setting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress