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Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for contacting me about the President's request for Congressional authorization to use U.S. military force to counter the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

The Assad regime's use of chemical weapons – and in this case, against innocent civilians, the Syrian people – was a heinous act and a clear violation of international law and standards.

Last weekend I made clear my opposition to the White House's proposed resolution, and I was among the first in the Senate to do so. I criticized that proposal for being far too broad and open-ended. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has now reported a new version, which will be debated by the Senate, and further changes and amendments are possible.

I remain skeptical of the United States acting alone, and about what comes after. But this will be an important Senate debate, on deadly serious issues, about a resolution that may well see further changes. It makes sense to have the debate and then decide, not to decide and then have the debate. The Senate, and each senator, will be called upon to apply the facts, the views of our constituents, and our judgment in reaching a decision that we believe is in the best interests of our nation and the security of the American people. I will make further statements on this issue as the debate unfolds.

Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely,

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