

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Attorney General William Barr
Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Barr:

Thank you for your service to our country during these difficult times.

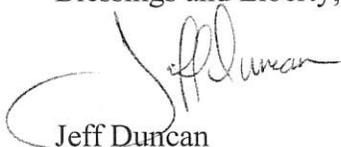
We are very troubled by widely reported requests by the Justice Department to expand police state powers in time of national emergency like the one we are experiencing surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, we are concerned about the potential for warrantless, indefinite detention of American citizens. Questions about protecting the civil liberties enshrined in our Bill of Rights arise from this request:

- How would the proposed expansion of federal powers differ from the “General Warrant” concept used in English law, which our Fourth Amendment was specifically written to address?
- How would the proposed expansion of federal power maintain habeas corpus?
- How would the proposed expansion of federal power protect the right of defendants to face their accuser in court, rather than only over a videoconference?

Until these questions have satisfactory answers that protect the civil liberties and constitutional protections of American citizens, we cannot support the granting of additional emergency powers to the government.

Again, thank you for your tireless service to our government and our people. We eagerly await your reply.

Blessings and Liberty,



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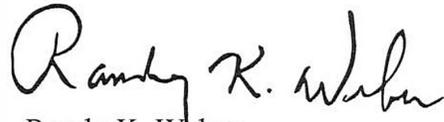
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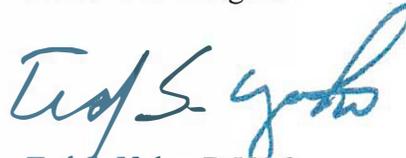
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