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September 12, 2011

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing again to request that the Committee investigate recent allegations of illegal actions by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, including in particular allegations that the company sought to hack the telephones of September 11th victims and other U.S. citizens.

This is the third letter that has been sent to you on this topic. The first letter was sent on July 13, 2011, by Congressman Bruce Braley, and the second letter was sent on July 28, 2011, by Congressman Braley and Congressman John Tierney. Both letters are attached for your review. It is unacceptable that you have not even replied to these previous requests. As you know, we have just observed the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our nation and these victims deserve to know whether they were targeted in this offensive and potentially illegal manner.¹

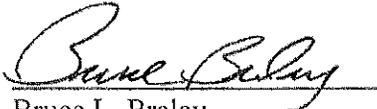
Since these previous requests were sent to you, the Justice Department reportedly has opened a preliminary criminal investigation into these allegations, including whether the actions of News Corporation officials may have violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.² We do not want to interfere unduly with this ongoing investigation, but we request that the Committee at least take preliminary steps to determine how to proceed, such as meeting with the September 11th families, consulting with the Department of Justice, and pursuing other measures the Committee has utilized in many other investigations.

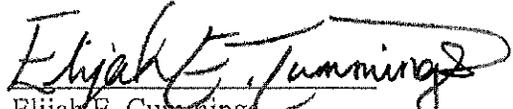
¹ See, e.g., *Phone Hacking: 9/11 Victims 'May Have Had Mobiles Tapped by News of the World Reporters'*, Daily Mirror (Nov. 7, 2011).

² NPR, *Justice Dept. to Probe if News Corp. Hacked Sept. 11 Families* (Aug. 24, 2011) (online at www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2011/08/24/139927904/justice-dept-to-probe-if-news-corp-hacked-9-11-families).

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has a responsibility to protect the interests of U.S. citizens against the illegal actions of corporations, regardless of their political leanings. We hope you will provide a response to this request as soon as possible, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Bruce L. Braley

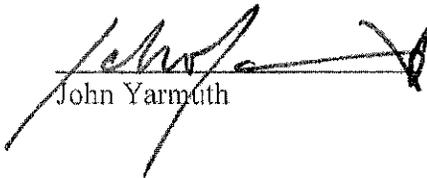

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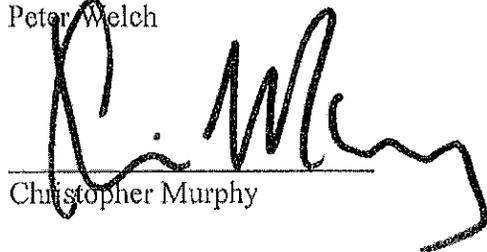

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Dear Chairman Issa:

We are following up on the previous letter sent to you on July 13, 2011. We strongly urge you to investigate Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. The allegations that have been raised are serious and more answers are needed. You will find the modified text of the original letter below:

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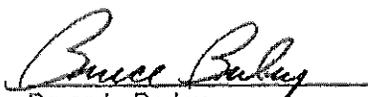
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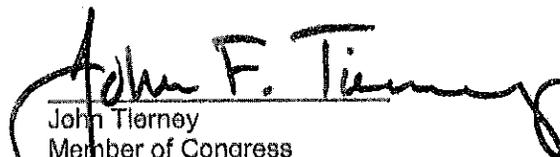
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