

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

September 27, 2011

Dr. Maikel Nabil Sanad  
El-Marg Prison  
El-Qalyubiya, Egypt

Dear Maikel,

As you continue your hunger strike in protest to your three-year prison sentence, we are writing to assure you that your struggle has not been forgotten.

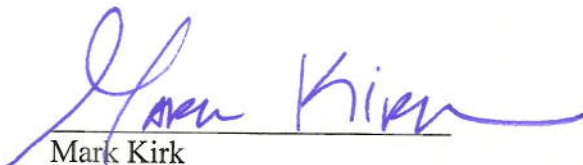
We are pleased to know that you are aware of our letter to Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, sent on your behalf on April 8, 2011. As you know, the Egyptian government has not responded in writing to our concerns. This is despite the fact that your imprisonment is in violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in which Egypt ratified in 1982.

As the first prisoner of conscience of the new regime, you have said that your fight is against war, militarism, racism, anti-Semitism, and violations against human rights. This is an important message for all Egyptians as your country enters a post-revolution age. We stand by our contention that it is your right to articulate this message – and your criticisms – freely and fearlessly.

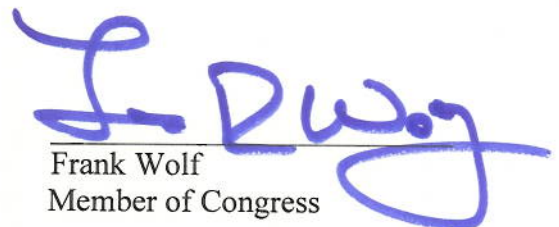
In Washington, we are doing all that we can to assert that every Egyptian deserves the right to express themselves peacefully, both in the street and on the Internet. We will continue to call attention to your case, and other Egyptians who share in your struggle, in both public and private forums.

Reports indicate that your appeal will be heard on November 1, 2011. Until then, we will continue to express to the Egyptian government that your continued imprisonment indicates that the promise of a free and democratic Egypt is far from reality.

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk  
United States Senator



Frank Wolf  
Member of Congress