

EXHIBIT A
LETTER FROM
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JAMES MORAN

June 18, 2007

The Honorable Judge James C. Cacheris
US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Judge Cacheris,

I am writing to you in reference to the character of Mr. Sabri Ben Kahla.

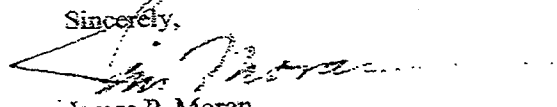
I have known the Ben Kahla family for close to twenty years. They are a decent, hard working, and patriotic family. They are good citizens who care about this country, admire and constructively participate in the political process.

Mr. Ben Kahla has been very engaged in civic activities since he was a young man at JEB Stuart High School. I remember him inviting me to speak in front of his Advanced Placement History class. He was the only one in his high school chosen to be both a representative to Boys State and the World Affairs Conference. Always active in local politics, Mr. Ben Kahla worked on local campaigns and also served as an election officer. He believed everyone had a civic duty to vote and spent considerable energies educating others on their voting rights.

Mr. Ben Kahla graduated with honors from George Mason at the age of 21. In conjunction with his pursuit of a graduate degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), he went abroad to strengthen his knowledge of Islam and Arabic. It is my understanding that his interest in international relations stemmed from a desire to assist the United States Government in foreign affairs.

As a friend of the Ben Kahla family, I wish to submit for the record that I have experienced only positive interactions in the two decades I have known them. To my knowledge, Mr. Ben Kahla has been an upstanding and productive member of society. Thank you for your dedicated service to the court and your close attention to this case.

Sincerely,



James P. Moran
Member of Congress

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