

February 2, 2015

Dear Senators Gillibrand and Schumer,

Today, February 2, 2015, across the state of New York, citizens are meeting with your staff to express our concerns and to provide important information about the use of weaponized drones in the Middle East. Hancock Airbase in Syracuse is home to the 174th Attack Wing of the Air National Guard. There is ongoing discussion for establishing a similar base in Niagara Falls.

We, the members of The Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars, are vehemently opposed to our government's policy of drone warfare. No one's safety is assured by the slaughter of innocent children and civilians. Our continuing campaign over the last four years occurs both at the Hancock Airbase gate and at many subsequent courtroom trials in the Dewitt Town Court.

The enclosed packet of information will assist you in your legislative role.

We are requesting you to sponsor legislation that prohibits the use of militarized drones when we have not declared war, in all cases when civilians are at risk, and that Congress be fully informed and authorized to monitor such deployment.

Please respond to any of the persons listed below as representatives of our coalition.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of great concern.

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