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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama,

As a Democratic candidate for Congress in Delaware, I recently held an issues forum with fellow Delawareans to discuss developing an Afghanistan Peace Plan with a focus on three key areas: peace, security and rebuilding.

As you implement your new strategy to end the war in Afghanistan, we urge you to develop and implement a parallel peace plan to provide a clear path forward to end the war and to allow U.S. troop withdrawals to begin at the earliest possible date. A peace plan will also give Afghani citizens the opportunity to be in control of the goal of their country's future, freedom and security.

Key elements to the framework of the Afghanistan Peace Plan that I am proposing is establishing a Peace Progress Council, deployment of international peacekeeping troops, buying and destroying the opium crops and development of a robust rebuilding program for agriculture and infrastructure to transform the Afghan economy from the drug trade based economy that is fueling the conflict, corruption and terrorists.

I have attached the framework for an Afghanistan Peace Plan which includes input from fellow Delawareans. With the traditional hope for peace, love and goodwill in the new year, please let me know how I can help advance this peace initiative.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senators Carper and Kaufman; Rep. Castle

Afghanistan Peace Plan Proposal
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PEACE

- Negotiate and define ceasefire and withdrawal agreements using district peace councils based on the model of the Farza Peace Council outside of Kabul which was been declared the most peaceful district in Afghanistan; withdrawal of all U.S. troops requires finding and capturing Osama bin Laden and the return of all prisoners of war
- Develop a doctrine to declare terrorists as not being true to the Quor'an
- Develop diplomatic solutions to protect Afghan peace from regional threats
- Establish a Peace Progress Council to convene weekly in Kabul to implement and monitor the peace plan progress and develop solutions; Once a month the meeting would take place at an international location to include international peace leaders
- Coordinate a 3 phase withdrawal of U.S. troops: bases, borders, then back home depending on peace progress and stability

SECURITY

- Deploy international peacekeeping troops to provide an additional buffer of peace, security and stability needed to support successful withdrawal of U.S. troops; monitor regional threats to Afghan peace and security
- Coordinate security with Afghanistan security forces
- Develop security plans for the 2010 Afghanistan national elections
- U.S. troop withdrawal is coordinated to support rapid response missions if security situations warrant

REBUILDING

Transition a portion of the military expenditures saved to the following:

- Buy and burn the spring 2010 opium harvest directly from Afghan farmers to cripple the opium market that fuels drug trade, warlords, terrorists, weapons purchases, corruption and conflict in Afghanistan
- Pay farmers not to plant 2011 opium crops
- Begin multi-year transition from opium-based economy to a rebuilding economy with infrastructure, housing, schools and agriculture projects based in each local district; rebuilding projects are essential to create jobs and to undermine warlords and terrorist recruiting