

Dear Colleague;

Join us in writing the Department of Defense and the State Department about their efforts to protect Americans working for US contractors in Iraq, serve victims of violent crime, and hold offenders accountable.

We were appalled after seeing the [recent news coverage](#) of the gang rape of American citizen Jamie Leigh Jones. According to Ms. Jones, she was drugged and raped by fellow employees of former Halliburton subsidiary KBR while she worked in Baghdad. Since Ms. Jones has gone public with her attack, it has become increasingly clear that this is not an isolated incident; many women working for US government contractors face sexual assault and harassment.

Over 20,000 Americans are employed by US government contractors in Iraq. These individuals have the same right to treatment, services, and proper investigations when they are victims of a violent crime as those of us here at home. Their offenders, who are paid with American taxpayer dollars, should be held accountable.

Join us in asking the DoD and the State Department about their efforts to address crimes against government contracted employees. Ms. Jones and the US Congress deserve answers. To sign on, contact Cari Simon with Rep. Slaughter at cari.simon@mail.house.gov or x53615 or Gina Santucci with Rep. Poe at gina.santucci@mail.house.gov or x56565.

Sincerely,

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Louise M. Slaughter
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