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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS OF INDIAN ORIGIN**

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Representatives  
Room H154, U.S. Capitol

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Chairman, Senate Foreign  
Relations Committee  
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The Honorable  
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Chairman, House Committee  
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**DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, CHAIRMAN MENENDEZ, RANKING MEMBER RISCH, CHAIRMAN MEEKS, AND RANKING MEMBER MCCAUL:**

On behalf of the undersigned citizens' groups, Asian American voters nationwide, national security professionals, and veterans and active-duty service men and women that we represent, we write to express our deep concerns about the possible "Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Pakistan of F-16 Case for Sustainment and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$450 million," notified to your offices by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DCSA) on September 7, 2022.

To be clear, we fully support the more than \$50 million humanitarian aid provided by USAID to Pakistani flood victims, with additional US Government funding commitments made during the Pakistani Foreign Minister's recent visit to Washington. In fact, our group members have committed private funds through various nongovernmental organizations involved in Pakistani disaster relief.

Regarding this proposed sale, however, we urge Congressional fact-finding and hearings on important questions that remain unanswered:

1. What is the nature and scope of American taxpayer subsidies involved in this sale? Noting that the Pakistani government's finances are precarious due to the economic devastation of the flood, and this, despite the IMF bailout offer, the generosity of American taxpayers for further economic aid cannot be construed as limitless. We urge Congressional inquiry into the financial terms and conditions under discussion with the Government of Pakistan in the prospective Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for this very pricey FMS-administered sale, estimated at \$450 million.
2. What are the nonproliferation guarantees offered by the Pakistani Government to protect critical American technology transfers involved in F16 maintenance and related equipment sale, including modification of the aircraft, engines, and software and support for classified and unclassified software? We urge Congressional inquiry into the US national security policy rationale for the proposed sale, despite Pakistan's spotty record in export control safeguards

and its robust military technology partnership with China. The Pakistani Air Force owns newer and a larger fleet of Chinese J-17 multi-role combat aircrafts than its aging fleet of F 16s. US Air Force press also suggests that China's fifth generation J-20 and its sixth generation under development are following closely in the heels of the United States. How do we assure Asian American parents of US Navy service men and women deployed in Yokosuka Japan that US technology transfers to Pakistan cannot be accessed by Sino-Russian military programs that are targeting them in the Indo Pacific?

We note that members in our citizens' groups are available, at your convenience, to contribute subject matter expertise regarding US national security considerations involving the proposed sale to Pakistan.

Based on the foregoing, we urgently call upon Congress to conduct the fact-finding necessary to make an informed decision and to prohibit this sale to Pakistan as expeditiously as possible. Such a transfer of critical American technology, with little or no accountability, is not in the US national security interest. Whereas we support USAID and other humanitarian assistance to Pakistan, we do not believe US taxpayer funded military sales to Pakistan will inure to the benefit of the Pakistani people or foster better relations between the United States and Pakistan.

Respectfully,

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