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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rohrabacher:

It has been reported that you recently brought Charles C. Johnson to a meeting with Sen. Rand Paul to discuss Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. If true, this is deeply disturbing news. Any measure of due diligence about Johnson would have revealed to you and your staff that Johnson is a high-profile alt-right blogger and Internet troll, a provocateur, and a Holocaust denier.

Johnson bolstered his credentials as a Holocaust denier as recently as last January during "Ask Me Anything (AMA)" session on Reddit. Asked for his opinion on the Holocaust and the "Jewish Question," Johnson responded, "I do not and have never believed the six million figure," adding that he agreed with notorious Holocaust denier David Cole "about Auschwitz and the gas chambers not being real." Like other Holocaust deniers, Johnson recast the Nazi war effort as a defensive action against the spread of communism, and wrote that "German fears of [their own] extermination were not misplaced." This particular AMA was hosted in the "Alt-right" subreddit, a white nationalist online community absolutely rife with anti-Semitism, racism, and Holocaust denial. In fact, Reddit has since deleted this particular subreddit, but Johnson's AMA was preserved by a third party archive site.

Johnson is also known for making unfounded accusations against public figures, for racially-charged comments, and, in an effort to harass or intimidate people, for publishing private information about online. He was banned from Twitter after soliciting for donations on the platform to "take out" a Black Lives Matter activist, though Johnson claims his tweets were misunderstood. He recently attracted more controversy when he led an effort on his website to raise legal defense funds for Kyle Chapman, who is charged with felony weapons possession.

It is an insult to the memories of those killed in the Holocaust and to the Jewish community to bring a Holocaust denier to the halls of the United States Congress. We urge you to discontinue any association with Johnson and repudiate his views.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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