

The Honorable Sheri Pym  
Magistrate Judge  
Central District of California  
3470 12th Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Honorable Judge Sheri Pym:

My name is Salihin Kondoker and my wife Anies was a victim of the San Bernardino terrorist attack on December 2, 2015. My wife and I have been married for 17 years and we have 3 children, the youngest of which is in pre-school.

On December 2, 2015 my wife attended San Bernardino County Environmental Health department's holiday party and had gone to the restroom during the 10 minutes break period and left her handbag on her chair. She was shot three times in the hallway while returning from the restroom. Fortunately, despite a very difficult path to recovery, she survived the attack. It weighs heavily upon me and my family that many of her coworkers did not.

About six weeks later, we were able to retrieve her handbag from FBI which was shattered by bullets on that day. There isn't a day that goes by I don't think about what could have happened had she actually been sitting in that chair.

My wife is an Environmental Health Specialist for the county. I'm a consultant for PG&E project in information technology. We've called San Bernardino home for 4 years and moved there from a town not far away so my wife would have an easier commute to her job.

We are proud to call America home and prouder still to be raising 3 children here. We are also Muslim and have always taught our children that religion is about love and community. I don't believe terrorism and religion have any connection. It is an act of hate.

In the weeks and months since the attack I have been to the FBI briefings that were held for victims and their families. I have joined others in asking many questions about how this happened and why we don't have more answers. I too have been frustrated there isn't more information. But I don't believe that a company is the reason for this.

When I first learned Apple was opposing the order I was frustrated that it would be yet another roadblock. But as I read more about their case, I have come to understand their fight is for something much bigger than one phone. They are worried that this software the government wants them to use will be used against millions of other innocent people. I share their fear.

I support Apple and the decision they have made. I don't believe Tim Cook or any Apple employee believes in supporting terrorism any more than I do. I think the vicious attacks I've read in the media against one of America's greatest companies are terrible.

In my opinion it is unlikely there is any valuable information on this phone. This was a work phone. My wife also had an iPhone issued by the County and she did not use it for any personal

communication. San Bernardino is one of the largest Counties in the country. They can track the phone on GPS in case they needed to determine where people were. Second, both the iCloud account and carrier account were controlled by the county so they could track any communications. This was common knowledge among my wife and other employees. Why then would someone store vital contacts related to an attack on a phone they knew the county had access to? They destroyed their personal phones after the attack. And I believe they did that for a reason.

In the wake of this terrible attack, I believe strongly we need stronger gun laws. It was guns that killed innocent people, not technology. I also believe the FBI had and still has access to a lot of information which they have ignored and I'm very disappointed in the way they've handled this investigation.

Finally, and the reason for my letter to the court, I believe privacy is important and Apple should stay firm in their decision. Neither I, nor my wife, want to raise our children in a world where privacy is the tradeoff for security. I believe this case will have a huge impact all over the world. You will have agencies coming from all over the world to get access to the software the FBI is asking Apple for. It will be abused all over to spy on innocent people.

America should be proud of Apple. Proud that it is an American company and we should protect them not try to tear them down.

I support them in this case and I hope the court will too.

Sincerely,

Salihin Kondoker  
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