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Statement from the President

When I was elected President of the United States, I promised to change and reform our justice system and Justice Department. Today I am happy to announce that a long needed change is here. Today marks the end of any Department of Justice sanctioned drone strikes that are done to harm or eliminate any American citizen.

A rally is occurring on February 15th to call for the end of the DOJ's drone strikes. Today I am happy to say that there is no need for that rally to occur. I have heard the American people clearly and I want to ensure that no American citizen will be harmed in a drone strike on American soil. The Presidents before me did not remove the program and instead kept it going. As a President that promised reform to our justice system and Justice Department I am glad to finally end this horrendous program.

The United States government should have never allowed sanctioned drone strikes on the citizens of this country and I am beyond disappointed that this change did not occur sooner, under another administration. Executive Order 008 will do exactly as I have stated in this statement and will also change the policy of the DOJ completely to ensure that the use of UAS (unmanned aircraft system) is only for surveillance and intelligence gathering, in a legal manner.

The United States of America will not be a nation that bombs its own citizens as long as I am President of the United States of America. I am proud to take this step in the right direction and I know that I have the complete support of my Attorney General in this move. Today the fear of being eliminated by a drone, by your government, is gone. Thank you, God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

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