

July 10, 2019

Mark Ruehlmann, Esq.
Chairman and Global CEO
Squire Patton Boggs
4900 Key Tower 127 Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Ruehlmann:

As you know, on May 1, 2019, a coalition of forty-five faith leaders and other advocates for religious liberty were moved to write you the enclosed letter prompted by the fact that several “foreign governments represented by your firm are among the world’s most aggressive persecutors of people of faith.”

We called upon you consequently to remove from Squire Patton Bogg’s client list the governments of the People’s Republic of China, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. It has subsequently come to our attention that two other regimes with a similar record of engaging in, or at least tolerating, religious persecution are also among your firm’s clients: Cameroon and the Palestinian Authority. They too should be precluded from receiving further legal counsel, representation and other services from your partners, associates and advisors.

As we noted last May:

Surely, Squire Patton Boggs’ attorneys and advisors – including former House Speaker John Boehner and other prominent, retired American lawmakers – and your firm’s other clients, have no desire to be associated with, let alone involved in defending or otherwise being implicated in, these governments’ odious practices.

As advocates for suffering religious communities globally, we are determined to hold accountable those responsible. Since we have not yet had a response to our respectful request that Squire Patton Boggs promptly and fully disassociate itself from and cease all work on behalf of governments that persecute people of faith, we urge you to take this step now, on the eve of the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is convening next week in Washington. We further request that you inform us whether you will do so.

For the coalition,

Sincerely,



Frank J. Gaffney
Save the Persecuted Christians