

April 6, 2015

David M. Cote
CEO
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101 Columbia Road Morristown, NJ, 07960

Dear Mr. Cote:

We are American clergy and faith leaders joined in common concern for armed drones and the role your company has in producing and selling them. Our concerns center on the nature of lethal drones as a weapon, namely their use in targeted killings of specific individuals most of whom are Muslims, their impact upon targeted communities, their operation by remote control, and the consequences that drones increase hostilities and lower the threshold for the use of lethal force.

It has come to our attention that Honeywell manufactures the engines, guidance and targeting equipment for armed drones.¹ Regarding this you state: "Honeywell delivers best-value products that enable cost-effective, long range precision strike capabilities across a wide variety of mission scenarios."² The recent lift of the export ban on armed drones, we fear, will encourage corporations like yours to seek unlimited profit without adequate regard for moral principles.

Thus, we, the undersigned, urge you to:

- (1) Announce publicly your decision to halt production and sales of the components of armed drones anywhere in the world, particularly but not exclusively, since the U.S. administration has failed to be adequately transparent and accountable for its usage.
- (2) Disclose publicly specific amounts contributed to specific federal/state candidates or government officials and any lobbying efforts, including specific legislation, on the state and federal effort, with regards to armed drones.

Our representatives would like to meet you at your headquarters in Morristown on Thursday afternoon, April 30, 2015, to discuss the above requests. The point of contact for our delegation is Chris J. Antal, (845) 297-2792, or antal@uuma.org. After we visit your headquarters, our delegation will meet with local and national press. We hope we can use that opportunity to celebrate the moral courage you would demonstrate by heeding our guidance.

Sincerely yours,



The Rev. Chris J. Antal
Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern

¹ <<https://aerospace.honeywell.com/en/defense/platforms/general-atomics-mq-9-reeper>>. [Accessed March 19, 2015].

² Aero Tech Magazine 1: 2 (2005) p. 10. <<http://www.honeywell.com/sites/docs/DE56C67B6-92A0-DC69-7CDB366064501844.pdf>>. [Accessed March 19, 2015].

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