



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

September 21, 2012

General Raymond T. Odierno  
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Dear General Odierno:

I write to ask that you consider a clemency hearing for SGT Derrick Miller, an Army National Guardsman convicted of killing an Afghan civilian after the victim walked through a defensive perimeter. On July 27, 2011, SGT Miller was found guilty of premeditated murder and was sentenced to life in prison with a chance of parole.

Due to the complicated circumstances of SGT Miller's case, and the extreme nature of War, I believe a clemency hearing would be appropriate. I appreciate your service and hope you consider my request.

Sincerely,

  
CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of Congress

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