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Roger Ailes
President
Fox News
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

Shane Coppola
President & CEO
Westwood One
40 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Ailes and Mr. Coppola:

I am writing in regards to one of your most prominent Fox News hosts, Bill O'Reilly. You may be aware that on November 8th, San Francisco voters approved propositions H and I, banning handguns in the city and discouraging military recruitment in city schools, respectively. On November 8th, in response to passage of these propositions, Bill O'Reilly on the broadcast of his nationally syndicated radio show made the following statement: "*[I]f Al Qaeda comes in here and blows you up, we're not going to do anything about it. We're going to say, look, every other place in America is off limits to you, except San Francisco. You want to blow up the Coit tower? Go ahead.*"

San Francisco is home to over 776,733 people, 112,802 of whom are children or youth ages 18 and younger. Our city is also a destination for thousands of tourists, commuters and visitors on any given day. On September 11, 2001, we watched in horror the terrorist acts that took the lives of thousands of innocent people in Washington, D.C. and New York. Since then, like any major City in the U.S., we have taken very seriously the threat of being a target of terrorist attacks.

While Mr. O'Reilly has every right to disagree with San Francisco voters, his remarks condone acts of violence against San Franciscans and green-light the destruction of a significant landmark which was erected in honor of San Francisco firefighters who saved our City during the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Mr. O'Reilly's comments constitute a flagrant disregard for the safety and welfare of San Franciscans. Being based in New York, both of you undoubtedly experienced firsthand the pain and suffering caused by the terrorist attacks of September 11. I trust that you do not wish those types of attacks on any other people.

I personally call on you to fire Bill O'Reilly. At the Board of Supervisors meeting today, I will introduce a resolution to put San Francisco on record formally urging the Fox News Corporation and Westwood One to terminate the employment of Mr. O'Reilly. I hope that you will take pro-active stance on this issue and move immediately to ensure that this kind of reprehensible speech and action is not amplified.

I look forward to hearing from you at the soonest time. I may be reached at (415)554-7970.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Daly".

CHRIS DALY