

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 28, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President;

We are writing to once again urge you to increase U.S. efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution to the current conflict in Sri Lanka.

Since December 2005, as you know, renewed hostilities between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have caused monumental suffering for Sri Lankan civilians, including widespread human rights abuses by both sides, over one thousand civilian deaths and disappearances, and displacement of an estimated 290,000 civilians. We condemn actions on both sides that have endangered and imperiled civilian populations.

There is a pressing need for a more concerted effort by the international community to bring both sides back to the negotiating table. While the international community has attempted to mediate the conflict in the past, a recent report by the International Crisis Group has described the international response to Sri Lanka's human rights problems as "disjointed, lackluster and tardy." The report, a copy of which is attached, recommends a series of actions the international community should take to help resolve the conflict and stop the widespread abuse of human rights. The United States has the opportunity to serve as a leader of such a renewed international effort.

Several of us previously have urged you to increase U.S. diplomatic engagement and high-level political contact in Sri Lanka to work toward achieving a lasting peace. We continue to believe that such a step is imperative. We also urge you to increase U.S. efforts to promote strong human rights protections for civilians, urge the Government of Sri Lanka to take active measures to end extrajudicial killings and disappearances in government-controlled areas, enhance Treasury Department efforts to disrupt LTTE financing, and work toward a strengthened mandate for the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to engage in human rights field monitoring.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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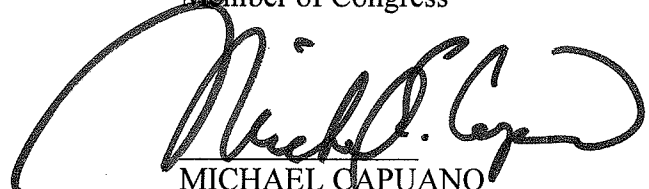
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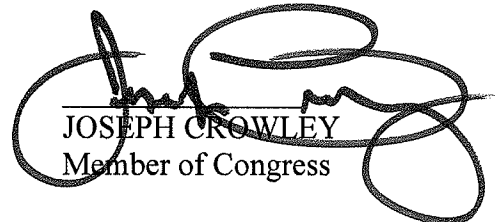
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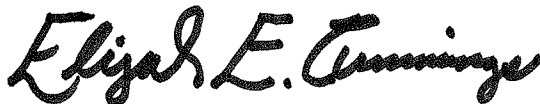
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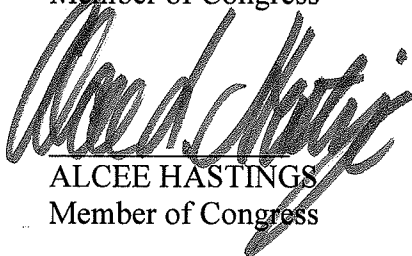
  
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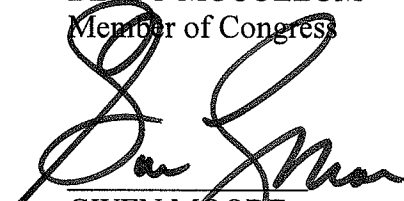
  
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