

Friends and Supporters of the Greater Sudanese Community

September 14, 2009

Hon. Senator _____

Hon. Congressman _____

Washington, DC 200_____

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Dear Senator _____ and Congressman _____:

Four years after the US helped broker the pivotal 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to end a 21-year war (which cost more than 2 million lives and over 4 million civilians to be displaced) in Sudan, the result of great pressure from the international community and intensive negotiations between the north and the south, it is clear that peace remains extremely fragile, and fears of renewed civil war are on the rise. Thank you for your efforts at that time, but today I write because the work is not over.

Here we are in 2009 with Sudan continuing to endure conflict, displacement, and nationwide instability. Problems in Southern Sudan have resurged, with recent attacks in the Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Lake and Western Equatoria states, resulting in 2,000 (including children, women and senior citizens) killed – over 250,000 more displaced, and their possessions burned to the ground. It is believed that the National Congress Party (“NCP”) has a direct hand in these attacks because the attackers were well armed. Furthermore, these attacks continue to perpetuate fear, chaos and distrust -- elements that ultimately undermine the strengths and capability of a people ready and able to be self-governed in Southern Sudan.

We, as a world leader and national power, must not be deceived. This new tactic of genocide must be stopped! The leaders of the NCP are in a life and death struggle to ensure that the CPA fails. Though not directly committing large scale murder, their act of systematically and methodically arming ethnic-based militia and tribes to ensure chaos and instability in the south serves as a slower, albeit, more definitive weapon, destroying the people of Southern Sudan and leaving them powerless and vulnerable.

The only way to stop these actions is to take a multi-lateral approach. Initially, as the people of South Sudan prepare for democratic elections in early 2010, we must establish and implement a military presence, preferably of UN orientation, armed and ready to keep the peace. Next, couple this military presence with a viable humanitarian presence to assist with aid for displaced populations across the region. At the same time, we must urge President Obama to condemn the NCP’s undermining tactics by (a) imposing economic sanctions that target senior regime officials and affiliated businesses, (b) supporting diplomatic isolation, (c) expanding the arms embargo and (d) continuing to support the work of the International Criminal Court. These initiatives will not happen unless you, personally, prioritize this issue onto the agenda of the House and the Senate. As a voting citizen of your constituency, I anticipate your standing in agreement with me until real peace all across Sudan is achieved.

Respectfully Yours,

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