

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 16, 2002

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:


We write in strong support of the full Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation of \$34 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). These funds are essential for enabling this agency to provide desperately needed family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention counseling and services to people in developing countries around the world.

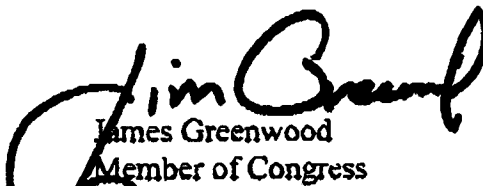
It has been our understanding that the Administration was supportive of UNFPA when \$25 million was requested for FY 2002. Additionally, Secretary of State Colin Powell's testimony before the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee on May 10, 2001 reflected the determination that the UNFPA provides "critical population assistance to developing countries," and was in no violation of U.S. law.

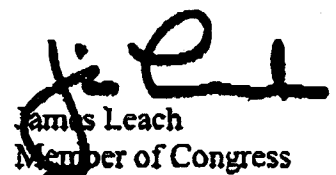
During consideration of the FY 2002 Foreign Operations bill, Members of Congress, in conjunction with the Administration, negotiated in good faith to achieve an outcome that was supported by an overwhelming majority of the House and unanimously by the Senate. The relationship between population growth and poverty is clear - countries that are not meeting basic health needs and are growing rapidly are the countries most likely to experience widespread poverty that can lead to instability and violence. We strongly support the UNFPA in their work to provide basic health services and prevent unwanted pregnancies, in turn minimizing the need for abortion.

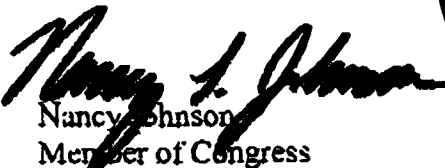
There continue to be protections in U.S. law to ensure that no funds are used to provide abortion services, along with additional provisions to ensure against support of programs that support coercive abortion. We urge you to release the \$34 million Congress intended to be used as a contribution to UNFPA and know that it will be used to provide critical maternal health services and enhance stability in our world.

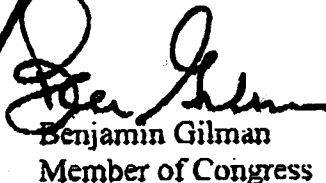
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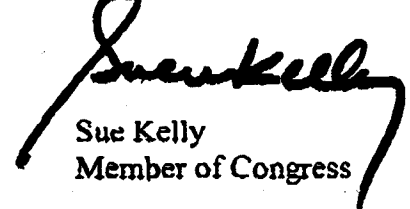

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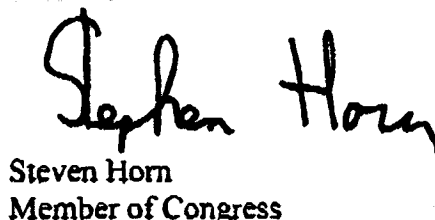

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