

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
2201 C ST NW  
Washington, DC 20520

November 14, 2007

Dear Secretary Rice,

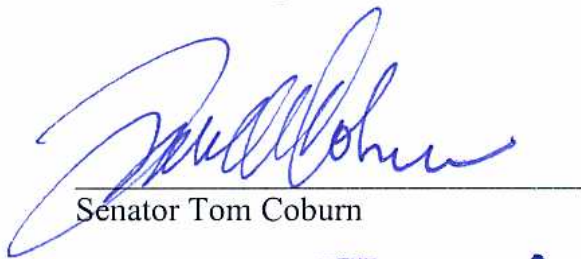
Thank you for your leadership in seeking greater transparency and accountability at the United Nations through the United Nations Transparency and Accountability Initiative (UNTAI). As you know, the U.S. taxpayer invests over \$5 billion annually to the U.N. without knowing how most of it is being spent. This initiative is a great first step toward meaningful reforms at the U.N.

The need for U.N. reform is clear. Leaked audits and whistleblower reports indicate corruption, fraud, and secrecy erode the mission of the U.N and undermine U.S. national security. Under your leadership, the U.S. Mission to the U.N. uncovered a scheme where U.N. Funds and Programs are using U.S. contributions to prop up dictators and terrorist regimes. Several U.N. officials have been found guilty in U.S. courts for bribery, kick-backs, and money laundering. These are only a small sample of the problems plaguing the U.N.

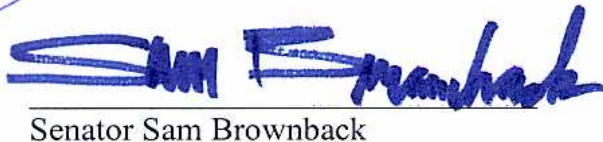
Earlier this year, ninety-two Senators voted to require U.N. transparency of how it spent money in 2007 before the U.S. makes its 2008 contribution. Your transparency initiative will help us measure whether or not there is progress on common sense reforms at the U.N.

We applaud your leadership with UNTAI as well as your ongoing investigation of U.N. Funds and Programs.

Very Sincerely Yours,



Senator Tom Coburn



Senator Sam Brownback



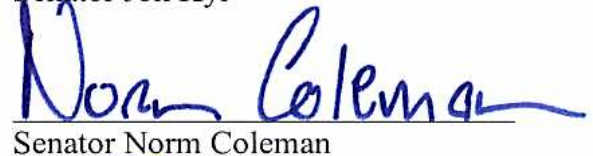
Senator David Vitter



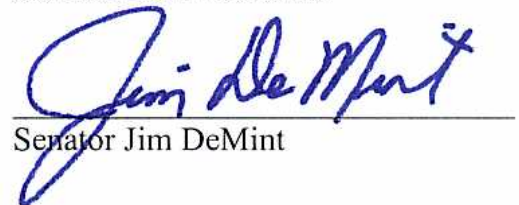
Senator John Ensign



Senator Jon Kyl



Senator Norm Coleman



Senator Jim DeMint