

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barack H. Obama
The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With the South Sudan referendum just weeks away, we urge you to call upon Secretary of State Clinton, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and former Senator John Danforth to go to Sudan as soon as possible to communicate at the highest levels that the United States, as a guarantor of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), will not tolerate anything less than the agreement being fully implemented and respected by all parties involved.

The United States continues to bear influence on and some responsibility for the CPA. Both Secretary Powell and Senator Danforth have a long and distinguished history when it comes to Sudan, while an official visit from Secretary Clinton can communicate high-level commitment from your administration at this critical juncture. Senator Danforth's leadership was instrumental in negotiating the historic CPA that brought about an end to more than 20 years of brutal civil war. Secretary Powell was at the forefront in championing this diplomatic effort. Both were present at the signing of the accord in Nairobi and are respected American statesmen of the highest caliber who have a deep history and knowledge of Sudan and who are held in high esteem by the North and South. Secretary Clinton has dedicated significant State Department resources to ensure that past gains for peace and democracy will not be abrogated in the coming months. A cooperative effort now from these three authoritative figures will demonstrate the power of our message.

Earlier this year, the Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community, predicted that over the next five years, "...a new mass killing or genocide is most likely to occur in Southern Sudan" - more so than any other country. We must avoid such horrors at all costs.

We believe Senator Danforth and Secretary Powell, in partnership with Secretary Clinton, could once again play a historic role in securing a truly lasting peace for the people of Sudan. We urge you to give this request every consideration.

Best wishes.



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Sudan Caucus Co-Chair

Sincerely,



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