



Partners Toolkit for August 2006

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Citizens for Global Solutions
Partners Nationwide Teleconference

-Mid-Term Elections-

Saturday, September 9th, 2006
1:00pm Eastern time

Dial: 800-391-2548
Verbal password: V A 3 1 7 8 5 5

Speakers

- Drew Asson, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Citizens for Global Solutions
- Don Kraus, Executive Vice President & Director of Government Relations, Citizens for Global Solutions

Agenda:

- Mid-Term Elections

Here are some useful tips regarding how to access the call:

- Participants should dial in 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- When dialing in, the host and participants should hold the line for an operator.
- Participants will verbally give their password to the operator.
- All hosts should identify themselves accordingly to the operator when they dial in.
- Operators will take the city, state and number of people in the room and place them into the Main Conference.

This month we are doing something a little different with the Partners Mailing and the Partners projects. You already know what the project is for August. You can always find that information in the July Partners Mailing.

This month, instead of continuing to talk about the International Criminal Court and International Law & Justice Issues, we are shifting focus because we need your help urgently. Last month, President Bush decided to nominate John Bolton to continue to represent us at the United Nations; and we are asking you to take action to help stop Mr. Bolton from continuing to represent the U.S. at the U.N.

Background information (from StopBolton.org)

On August 1, 2005, President Bush went around the Senate, using a "recess appointment" to install Mr. Bolton as ambassador without Senate approval. Since arriving at the U.N., he has alienated allies, undermined U.S. foreign policy, missed countless opportunities to make the U.N. stronger and more effective, and used heavy-handed tactics that have angered the world. The damage Ambassador Bolton has done to long-standing alliances and the U.N. has surprised even his harshest critics.

Now, despite his embarrassing record, President Bush has again asked the Senate to approve Mr. Bolton as U.N. Ambassador. This is a call to action: we must once again tell the world that the U.S. needs the U.N. - and the U.N. needs the U.S.

Together, we can get a new U.N. Ambassador who will advance U.S. foreign policy, improve the U.N., and respect America's time-honored tradition of working with others to solve global problems.

Why Stop Bolton?

We are at a fork in the road with the U.N., and we need the best person available to take us down the right path.

For 60 years, the U.S. and the U.N. have worked together to keep the peace, eradicate disease, confront threats to U.S. and international security, and spread democracy and a better way of life to people around the world. We are asking a lot of the U.N. right now. We're asking the U.N. to help us confront North Korea and Iran, fight terrorism, end genocide in Darfur, and defend human rights. And, at the same time, we're involved in a crucial process to help the U.N. become more effective, efficient, and strong. Now, more than ever, we need the U.N., and the U.N. needs us. We need an ambassador who can make this relationship work and advance our cause in the world.

Bolton has failed at his most important job: advancing U.S. foreign policy.

A year ago, the Senate warned President Bush that John Bolton was the wrong man to be U.N. Ambassador. President Bush ignored that warning and gave him a trial run at the U.N. Now, the probationary period is over and it's time for Mr. Bolton to face up to his record. He's been given doable jobs, but he's failed where he should have succeeded. Now that senators get another say, they must exercise accountability.

Bolton simply doesn't have what it takes to get the job done.

In a place like the U.N., we can only succeed if we can get other countries to go along. Throughout his one-year term, Ambassador Bolton has put down the U.N. at every opportunity and dismissed the opinions of others, including key allies. His behavior, along with his well-known views about the U.N., have alienated the very people that the U.S. needs on our side. He has angered 30 ambassadors from countries close to the U.S., and it's no wonder they don't trust them. He has said:

"If I were redoing the Security Council today, I'd have one permanent member because that's the real reflection of the distribution of power in the world."

"There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is an international community that occasionally can be led by the only real power left in the world and that is the United States when it suits our interest and we can get others to go along."

"The [U.N.] Secretariat building in New York has 38 stories. If you lost 10 stories today, it wouldn't make a bit of difference."

"...nothing more should be paid to the U.N. system."

President Bush should know better than anyone else that we need a uniter, not a divider, representing us on the world stage. Mr. Bolton is a divider, both at the U.N. and in the U.S. Senate. Meanwhile, many other smart, tough, republican uniters are available to serve as ambassador.

Bolton has alienated people at the U.N., and that means it'll be harder to achieve our goals and keep us safe.

In our increasingly interconnected world, we can't think we're going to be able to solve global problems on our own. We need to be able to get other countries to join our cause. Over thirty foreign ambassadors - of countries that are usually on our side - have independently raised concerns about Mr. Bolton. Since he can't work with other ambassadors, the U.S. is paying the price. When Mr. Bolton says he wants other countries to work with us to confront Iran or North Korea, end the genocide in Darfur, or make the U.N. stronger and more effective, they tune him out. He doesn't listen to them, so, they ask, why should they listen to him? John Bolton is doing lasting damage to our critically important relationship with the U.N. as well as alliances with nations we need to work with to keep us safe. We need to get back on track and find another ambassador, someone who can get results.

Visit www.stopbolton.org to:

- learn more about John Bolton;
- discuss why he is the wrong person for the job;
- read what he's said and what others are saying about him; and
- watch him speak.

Additional August Partner's Projects:

1) Lobby Visits on Ambassador Bolton

In the July Partners Mailing, you can find information on how to set up lobby visits. We are asking that in addition to lobbying for the ICC and environmental issues that you also lobby your Senators regarding John Bolton's nomination. The fact sheet for this lobby visit is not ready yet; I'll send it to you as soon as it is.

2) Town Hall discussions

Since Congress is on recess, senators should be in their districts, which not only makes it easier to lobby them face-to-face, but also to attend town hall meetings or listening sessions that your senators may be holding. First, to find out if your senator is holding one of these events, call their local office. You can find the phone number in your local phone book. If you find out that one or both of them is/are holding an event like this, please attend and ask how the senator will vote on John Bolton's nomination should it reach the Senate floor. Also, please let us know if your senators are holding events like this as we can help get the word out to all of our members in your state. Finally, if you are able to attend and have the opportunity to ask the question, please let us know how your senator responds to the question. Please either email or call Scott Paul at the national office to report that events will be happening and/or your senator's response to the question. Scott can be reached at 202-546-3950 x116 or via email at spaul@globalsolutions.org

3) LTEs

Please consider writing a letter to the editor (LTE) of your local newspaper talking about John Bolton's nomination. For advice on how to write an effective LTE as well as on how to get one published, please take a look at the activist press kit which can be found at http://www.globalsolutions.org/press_room/activist_presskit.html

Below is a sample LTE on the Bolton nomination. Please remember that you can write your own LTE, use this one, or use pieces of this one as well as write part of one.

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

President's Bush's renomination of John Bolton for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations does not advance our country's foreign policy goals.

We are at a fork in the road with the U.N., and we need a better candidate to take us down the right path. For 60 years, the U.S. and the U.N. have worked together. We are asking a lot of the U.N. We are asking the U.N. to help us confront North Korea and Iran, fight terrorism, end genocide in Darfur and defend human rights. And, at the same time, we are involved in a crucial process to help the U.N. become more effective, efficient and strong. Now, more than ever, we need the U.N., and the U.N. needs us. We also need an ambassador who can make this relationship work and advance our cause in the world.

In a place like the U.N., you can only succeed if you can get other countries to go along. Throughout his one-year term, Bolton has put down the U.N. at every opportunity and dismissed the opinions of others, including key allies. In short, he has alienated the very people that the U.S. needs on our side.

When Mr. Bolton's nomination comes to the Senate floor in September, I strongly urge (name your two U.S. senators) to vote against him. As a nation, we need a uniter, not a divider representing our country at the U.N.

4) Outreach

In this fight, we need every person we can find who values the United Nations to call their senators and tell them not to vote for John Bolton's nomination. Tell your friends and family about why he is the wrong choice to be our U.N. ambassador. Encourage them to write letters to their senators or encourage them to call their senators.

Monthly Report of Your Accomplishments for July/August

Chapter _____ Leader _____

What is your chapter working on? How are your events and meetings going?

Have you carried out any of the July/August projects?

If so, what did you like about the projects and what didn't you like?

Do you feel this project made a difference?

Is there anything the national office can help you with?

Have you written any LTEs? Were they printed?

Letters to the editor and op-eds *(Please note them here even if you are enclosing copies)*

Total Submitted	Total Printed	Type: LTE, op-ed	Topic	Written By	Paper	Date It Ran

Other Political or Media Activities Your Chapter Engaged in:

Use another sheet if necessary to continue your report. Please detach and return to Sara Bodenbergh by August 25th so your accomplishments can be published in the next mailing.

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*****PLEASE TAKE 5 MINUTES TO FILL THIS OUT AND SEND IT BACK TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. I AM RECEIVING FEWER AND FEWER OF THEM. THIS INFORMATION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR SEVERAL REASONS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM GOES TO LOBBY, IT GREATLY HELPS TO TELL THE SENATOR OR REP WHAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS HAVE BEEN DOING. EVEN IF YOU SEND ME A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR CHAPTER, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE IN THE CHAPTER FILLS THIS OUT.

News from the Field

- Our Baltimore, MD Chapter has been busy meeting with Senator Sarbanes and several representatives to talk about the ICC, U.N. reform, and John Bolton.
- Our Maine Chapter is working on putting together a coalition in order to get their city council to sign onto the Urban Environmental Accords!
- Ben & Jerry's recently asked us if our members would be willing to table at their American Pie Tour events in Seattle, San Francisco, and Denver. I am happy to report that over the next few weeks, we have volunteers participating in these events. For more about Ben & Jerry's American Pie Tour, please visit <http://www.benjerry.com/americanpie/>

Every day, you are changing the world!