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The Honorable Henry Hyde  
The United States House of Representatives  
2110 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Hyde:

I am writing to express Citizens for Global Solutions' support for the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2005 (H.R. 3127) CGS strongly commends your efforts and those of Representatives Payne, Smith, Lantos, Royce, Tancredo, Wolf, Jackson-Lee, Rangel, Capuano to address the grave human rights crisis in the Darfur region through strong and effective bipartisan legislation. I hope that your fellow members of Congress will take immediate action and pass this timely and important legislation.

As an organization dedicated to promoting peace and democracy throughout the world, I was glad to see your legislation's acknowledgement of the crucial role that justice and accountability play in bringing about sustainable peace. As you know, peace will not be a tangible reality in Darfur unless the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held accountable for their actions.

In particular, I am strongly in favor of H.R. 3127's provision calling for the "United States [to] render assistance to the efforts of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to bring to justice persons accused of genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity in Darfur." In order to restore peace and ensure justice for the people of Darfur, it is crucial that the Administration lend its full support and cooperation to the ICC as the latter undertakes its formal investigation of this crisis. The Administration can support the ICC in several ways:

- Providing evidence to the Court about atrocities committed in Darfur
- Pushing the government of Sudan to cooperate with the Court
- Assisting with arrests once arrest warrants have been issued

I was also pleased to see that your bill calls for the African Union (AU) force and mandate to be expanded to affirmatively protect civilians and end resurging cycles of violence in Darfur. However, the AU cannot meet the demands of the situation on the ground without the U.S.'s help. To that end, the U.S. should:

- Provide sufficient financial assistance to the AU

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- Push for the AU to expand both the size and mandate of its forces on the ground
- Offer NATO's assistance to AU forces to stop the violence in Dafur

CGS has actively tracked the situation in Darfur and has worked in close collaboration with key organizations in DC and New York to draw national attention to the human rights atrocities being committed in Darfur. In addition to exposing the gravity of the situation, Citizens for Global Solutions is committed to promoting a more active U.S. role in ending the violence in Darfur. We believe that a true and lasting peace can only be accomplished in Darfur with the active support of the U.S.

Please feel free to have your staff contact me and let us know in what way we can work with you to support this important legislation.

Thank your for taking much needed initiative on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Kraus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Don Kraus  
Executive Vice President

cc: Representatives Payne, Smith, Lantos, Royce, Tancredo, Wolf, Jackson-Lee, Rangel, Capuano