

May 6, 2005

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
450 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC
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Dear Senator Lugar:

We write to express our full confidence in the professionalism and integrity of John R. Bolton and to offer our strong support for his nomination to be permanent representative of the United States at the United Nations.

As signatories we are diverse; career and non-career, Republican and Democrat, employed and retired. Many of us worked directly with John Bolton during his service at USAID under President Reagan. Some of us have served at USAID following his legacy. All of us deeply respect and admire John Bolton as a leader who exhibits the utmost integrity, fairness, intellect, and sense of America's national interests. Based on this personal experience, we know the caricature drawn of Secretary Bolton in this confirmation process is unrecognizable and grossly unfair.

We know John to be a forceful policy advocate who both encourages and learns from rigorous debate. We know him to be a man of balanced judgment. And we know him to have a sense of humor, even about himself.

John leads from in front with courage and conviction – especially positive qualities, we believe, for the assignment he is being asked to take on. He is tough but fair. He does not abuse power or people. John is direct, yet thoughtful in his communication. He is highly dedicated, working long hours in a never-ending quest to maximize performance. Yet, he does not place undue time demands on his staff, recognizing their family obligations. What he does demand from staff is personal honesty and intellectual clarity.

Throughout his illustrious career John Bolton has been an energetic change agent. As such, he has made enemies, for there are always those who abhor and resist change. But John is known more for his friends than his enemies. We ask that you listen to his friends, giving them at least equal weight.

We highly recommend Secretary Bolton to you with the full confidence that he will serve his country as US Ambassador to the United Nations with honor and great distinction.

Respectfully,

(Four pages of signatories follow)

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