

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 7, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Assistant Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Trent Lott
Assistant Republican Leader

Dear Leader Reid, Leader McConnell, Senator Durbin and Senator Lott:

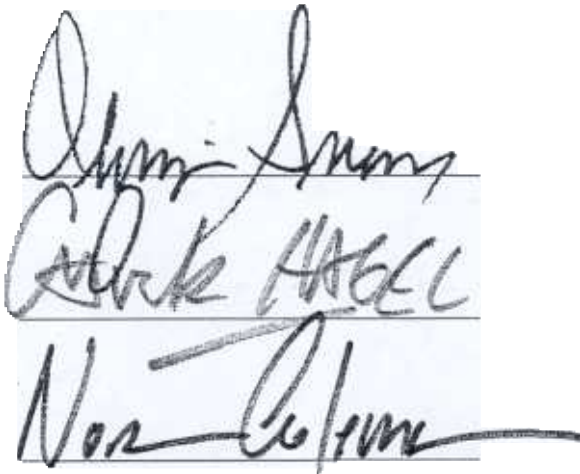
The war in Iraq is the most pressing issue of our time. It urgently deserves the attention of the full Senate and a full debate on the Senate floor without delay.

We respectfully advise you, our leaders, that we intend to take S. Con. Res 7 and offer it, where possible under the Standing Rules of the Senate, to bills coming before the Senate.

On January 10, 2007, the President stated, with respect to his Iraq strategy, "if Members have improvements that can be made, we will make them. If circumstances change we will adjust." In a conscientious, respectful way, we offered our resolution consistent with the President's statement.

We strongly believe the Senate should be allowed to work its will on our resolution as well as the concepts brought forward by other Senators. Monday's procedural vote should not be interpreted as any lessening of our resolve to go forward advocating the concepts of S. Con. Res. 7.

We will explore all of our options under the Senate procedures and practices to ensure a full and open debate on the Senate floor. The current stalemate is unacceptable to us and to the people of this country.



Sincerely,

