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Dear Senator Casey, *Specter*, & Rep. *Platts*

As your constituents in Pennsylvania, we members of York Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) are very concerned and distressed by the continuing violence and genocide ongoing in Darfur. The United States must take a strong stand against these actions and commit much more money to relieve suffering and further peace initiatives in Sudan. Specifically, we request that Congress add \$134 million to the FY07 Foreign Operational Appropriations Bill to be divided among Emergency Migration and Refugee Assistance (EMRA), International Disaster and Famine Assistance (IDFA), and Migration and Refugee Assistance (MFA). There is no time to waste, as people are suffering and dying every day.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), along with many other humanitarian and peace groups, has written a letter to the Senate appropriations committee detailing the crisis in Sudan and requesting immediate action. We enclose a copy of that letter for your information. Please do everything you can to provide adequate funding to relieve the suffering in Darfur, and use your influence as a member of Congress to pressure the Sudan government to end the violence and killing there.

In peace,

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