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The Honorable John Snow
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
Main Treasury Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

With the utmost urgency, we are writing to strongly urge you to take immediate action to resist and reject an effort by the French government to put the issue of global taxes -- or "solidarity levies" or "solidarity contributions" -- on the agenda of the upcoming G8 summit that will be held in Russia. Their objective is to generate hundreds of billions of dollars for international purposes, including more money for the U.N., apart from the voluntary contributions to international agencies made by member states. What we are seeing develop, under the sponsorship of the French, is nothing less than the emergence of a system of global taxation. Non-governmental organizations involved in this effort say so openly, declaring that a mechanism for "international taxation" is being put in place and that G8 nations may endorse it at the summit meeting in July.

As you know, the French government is in the process of imposing a global tax on its own citizens. This tax on international airline travel designates a certain part of the proceeds to global purposes, to be defined by the U.N., the NGOs, and individual governments. It also just sponsored the "Paris Conference on Innovative Development Financing Mechanisms," devoted to promoting and implementing these global tax schemes. An official French government document about the conference boasted that the issue of global taxes emerged on the agenda of last year's G8 meeting held in Gleneagles.

At a meeting of G8 finance ministers preceding that event, it was reported by Reuters news agency that you remarked that "if other countries wanted to go ahead and look at proposals to fund aid via this mechanism the United States was not going to object."

Mr. Secretary, with all due respect, it is time for the U.S. to object.

As a result of the U.S. failing to object to last year's global tax agenda at the G8 meeting, Annex II of the G8 Gleneagles communiqué made reference, under the title of "Financing Commitments," to a group of countries [Germany, Italy, France and the UK] that "firmly believe that innovative financing mechanisms can help deliver and bring forward the financing needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals." It said this group would consider "a solidarity contribution on plane tickets to finance development projects..." and that a "working group" would "consider the implementation of these mechanisms." France considered this a major breakthrough for the global tax agenda.

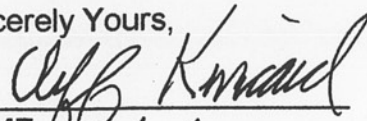
However, at his recent conference, held March 28-June 1, French President Jacques Chirac made it clear that so-called "solidarity levies," such as the global tax on airline travel, are just the "initial projects" in the campaign for global taxes on all the nations of the world. "We need to advance much more quickly and much further," he said.

It is absolutely clear that, in preparation for the G8 summit in Russia, France intends to push this agenda at April and June meetings of G8 finance ministers.


This time we hope that you make it absolutely clear to France and any other nation favoring this approach that the U.S. will not accept any mention of such a scheme in any official G8 summit document. Any proposed "consensus" on this matter will not serve the interests of American taxpayers and will undermine the sovereignty of the U.S. It is time for the U.S. to reiterate its historic opposition to any form of global taxation.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

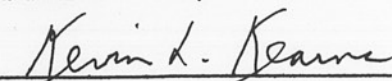
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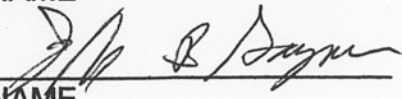
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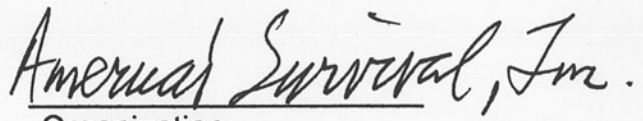
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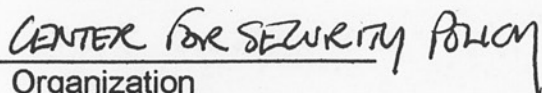
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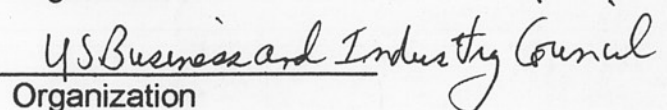
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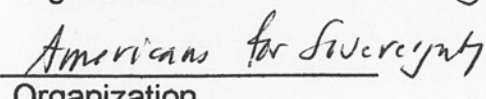
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