

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

There are many critical issues on the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Group of Eight (G8) leaders in St. Petersburg on July 15-17. We want to draw your immediate attention to the matter of an international tax, dubbed a "solidarity contribution on airline tickets," that is being promoted and even implemented.

While global taxes are being sold as a way to generate revenue to fight diseases and for other good purposes, the United States can more effectively deal with these problems through existing agencies and in concert with other countries. The world will not be served by creating new international bureaucracies and financing them through global taxes and other so-called "innovative sources" of funding.

Unfortunately, a positive reference to this global tax was included in an annex to the Gleneagles communiqué issued by the G8 last year and has helped accelerate the push for more and bigger global taxes. One of the proposals now under discussion by the United Nations, in a book entitled "New Sources of Development Finance," is a 35 cent a gallon global gas tax, in order to generate hundreds of billions of dollars a year for international agencies and institutions. Some of those pushing global taxes do not conceal their goal of a global or world government.

While it has been the stated position of various U.S. officials that the U.S. Government is opposed to global taxes, we believe a presidential statement on this matter is urgently needed and should be made now. The U.S. should make it clear to the G8 and the world that the U.S. will actively resist and oppose this ominous trend in international affairs and foreign relations.

Sincerely,



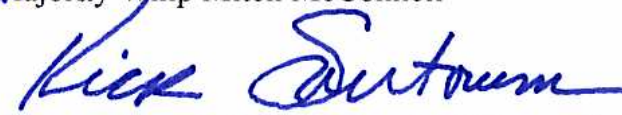
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