

Your Name
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Senator _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sen. (or Rep.) _____,

As you may know, since February 2003, the Sudanese government has orchestrated a campaign of racial extermination against the black African population of Darfur. The Sudanese military and the Janjaweed militias it arms have killed as many as 400,000 black Darfurians. They have bombed and burned villages throughout the region, displacing almost 3.5 million people who now cling to life as homeless refugees. They have raped and assaulted countless women, including pregnant mothers who have subsequently lost their unborn babies. They have tortured and killed men, often in front of their families. The violence is far from over: thousands of people continue to die each month in Darfur.

As a member of your constituency, I stand with the 80 percent of Americans who believe the U.S. should be doing more to end the genocide in Darfur. I stand with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said that, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." I believe the United States has the responsibility to lead the international community in its efforts to end the horrific violence and attacks in Darfur and bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice. I urge you to:

- Contact leaders in Russia, China and the Arab world to pressure the Government of Sudan to allow UN peacekeepers in Darfur.
- Devote additional resources, in funding and logistical support, to the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), currently the only peacekeeping force on the ground in Darfur. AMIS needs better funding and resources to protect civilians before a U.N. force can arrive.
- Work to enforce a no-fly zone in Darfur. Enforce targeted sanctions and freeze assets of the officials responsible for genocide.
- Work with President Bush and Members of Congress to support the Darfur case at the International Criminal Court.

The top priority of the United States in this conflict should be protecting the lives of innocent civilians. Darfurians are religious leaders, community leaders, businesspeople, laborers, teachers, and students— just like you, me and others across America working to end the genocide. I urge you to take decisive action to ensure the safety, health and freedom of Darfurians.

Sincerely,

Your Name
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