## Congress of the United States

Mashington, DC 20515

September 10, 2007

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice Secretary U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

As members of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, we write to express our grave concern about the dire situation in Greece. The widespread wildfires have resulted in a tragic loss of life and property that is unprecedented in Greece's recent history. Additionally, the potential for flooding poses an increased threat to Greece as it extinguishes the fires and begins the recovery effort.

Because the United States is recognized as a beacon of hope throughout the world, it is incumbent upon us to do what we can to help those in need. We commend the U.S. Government for pledging \$1.3 million in aid as well as expert and technical assistance to Greece. As the long-term impact of this tragedy on Greece becomes clearer, we urge you to continue to work with Greece to determine any additional assistance that they may need from the United States. Greece was one of the first nations to offer assistance and support after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. We must aid Greece, who has long been an ally of the United States and continues to be a strategic partner, as it rebuilds from this tragedy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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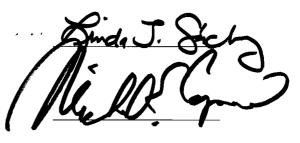
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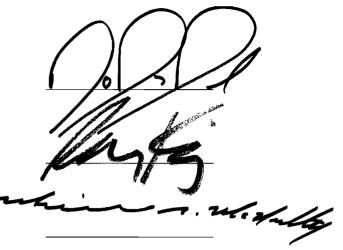


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