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Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Re: Darfur

Dear Senator Biden:

I am writing you on behalf of the National Association of Women Lawyers ("NAWL"), a leading national voluntary association of women lawyers in the United States. Among its many activities (see www.nawl.org), NAWL works with women's coalitions around the world to end discrimination and violence against women.

NAWL wishes to thank you for taking the initiative to urge Congress to allocate funds for the humanitarian crisis occurring in Darfur and for your support for the appointment of a Special Envoy to the Department of State.

As the United States has recognized that a genocide is occurring in Darfur, it is imperative that the Bush Administration appoint the Special Envoy to coordinate US and international policy. It is vital to the peace process that the US Special Envoy encourages international participation in the quest to end the violence in Darfur. For this reason, NAWL thanks you for pushing forward the amendment to the emergency spending bill that allocates funds for the establishment of a US Special Envoy to help broker a lasting peace agreement.

NAWL appreciates the support you have provided and looks forward to your continued interest in this very important cause.

Very respectfully,

Stephanie E. Masker
Co-Chair, NAWL International Committee