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## TARGETED SOVIET AID: "IN AMERICA'S INTEREST"

I AM PLEASED TO JOIN SENATOR LEVIN AS AN ORIGINAL SPONSOR OF THIS IMPORTANT AMENDMENT.

AS I NOTED IN OUR DISCUSSION OF EARLIER AMENDMENTS TO THIS BILL, THE ISSUE OF AID TO THE SO-CALLED FORMER SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN OBSCURED BY A BLIZZARD OF POLITICAL RHETORIC.

IN A PELL-MELL PURSUIT OF PARTISAN ADVANTAGE, THE NATIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN LEFT FAR BEHIND.

TRAGICALLY, IN THE PROCESS, WE HAVE RUN THE RISK OF LOSING AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES.

### REVOLUTION OF FREEDOM

JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO, FREE MEN EVERYWHERE REJOICED AS A REVOLUTION OF FREEDOM SWEEP ACROSS THE SOVIET UNION.

HERE IN THIS COUNTRY, WE CELEBRATED NOT ONLY BECAUSE FREEDOM WON, AND TYRANNY LOST -- THOUGH THAT, IN ITSELF, IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION.

BUT WE CELEBRATED, TOO, BECAUSE THE NEW REALITY IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION BROUGHT SO MANY IMPORTANT CONCRETE AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: A REDUCED THREAT OF SOVIET AGGRESSION; IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR EVEN FURTHER ARMS REDUCTIONS; SLASHING OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR KREMLIN CLIENTS SUCH AS CASTRO'S CUBA; ENHANCED SOVIET COOPERATION IN MANAGING REGIONAL CRISES; AND DRAMATICALLY EXPANDED PROSPECTS FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INVESTMENT AND TRADE RELATIONS.

### BATTLE FOR DEMOCRACY NOT WON YET

BUT, EVEN AS THE CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED IN MOSCOW, HERE IN WASHINGTON, AND AROUND THE WORLD -- HARSH REALITY ALSO BEGAN TO SET IN.

THE FACT IS, WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT THE EXPERIMENTS IN FREEDOM AND FREE MARKETS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION WILL SUCCEED.

WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT BORIS YELTSIN'S GOVERNMENT IN THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC, OR ANY OF THE OTHER FLEDGLING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS, WILL SURVIVE AND PROSPER.

WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL ENJOY ANY OF THE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS I HAVE JUST OUTLINED, OVER THE LONG HAUL.

FREEDOM HAS WON ITS FIRST "BATTLES" IN THE SOVIET UNION; BUT A HARD WINTER OF ON-GOING STRUGGLE LIES AHEAD.

AND -- WHILE THE OUTCOME OF THE STRUGGLE WILL LARGELY BE UP TO THE PEOPLE OF RUSSIA AND THE OTHER REPUBLICS TO DECIDE -- THERE IS A BIG AMERICAN STAKE, AND A POTENTIAL AMERICAN ROLE, IN DETERMINING THE OUTCOME.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US HOW THIS "GAME" COMES OUT, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO JUST STAND ON THE SIDELINES AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.

WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO BOLSTER THE FORCES OF FREEDOM, TO HELP THEM SURVIVE AND PROSPER, FOR ONE VERY SIMPLE REASON -- IT IS IN OUR INTEREST, THE AMERICAN INTEREST, TO DO SO.

### NOT JUST "AID"; AN INVESTMENT IN DEMOCRACY, AMERICA

FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, THOSE THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP REPRESENT NOT ONLY "AID," IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE, BUT AN "INVESTMENT," IN A VERY REAL SENSE -- AN INVESTMENT IN AMERICA'S SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND OVERALL NATIONAL INTEREST.

(MORE)

THAT IS WHY THIS BILL CALLS FOR A PROGRAM OF "INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT IN DEMOCRACY." BECAUSE MODEST, WELL-THOUGHT OUT AND WELL-MANAGED PROGRAMS OF SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM AND FREE MARKETS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION ARE THE BEST AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT WE CAN MAKE IN AMERICA'S WELL-BEING.

NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, AND DON'T MISREAD THIS RESOLUTION. SINCE AUGUST, I HAVE BEEN DEBUNKING THE NOTION ADVANCED BY SOME THAT WE OUGHT TO START WRITING OUT BIG BUCKS CHECKS TO ANYONE IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT, AND IT WOULDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS AMENDMENT.

THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- CALL FOR SOME KIND OF NEW MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR "MARSHALL PLAN FOR MOSCOW."

SIX-PART PACKAGE

INSTEAD, IT MANDATES THE FORMULATION OF A SIX-PART PACKAGE OF LOW-COST/HIGH-IMPACT PROGRAMS, AIMED AT REAL AND URGENT NEEDS; AND TIED TO CONCRETE, IDENTIFIABLE BENEFITS TO THE U.S.

SPECIFICALLY, THE PACKAGE WOULD INCLUDE:

1. URGENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, OF THE KIND ENVISIONED IN THE BOREN-COHEN AMENDMENT WE WILL DEAL WITH SOON; AND IN THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED FOOD CREDIT GUARANTEE PACKAGE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

2. SUPPORT TO DISMANTLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MISSILES, SUCH AS WE HAVE MANDATED IN THE NUNN-LUGAR AMENDMENT.

3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP DEVELOP FREE MARKETS.

4. SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLICS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

5. ADVISORY ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

AND, 6. AN ANALYSIS OF THE SOVIET FINANCIAL SITUATION, AIMED AT PRODUCING A GAMEPLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND UTILIZATION OF ANY CURRENCY STABILIZATION SUPPORT DEEMED EFFECTIVE AND AFFORDABLE..

THE AMENDMENT ALSO MAKES IT CLEAR THAT ANY OF THIS AID WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON A CONTINUATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND FREE MARKET ECONOMIES.

THE AMENDMENT MANDATES AN AMERICAN STRATEGY COORDINATED WITH OUR ALLIES, AND DEPENDING ON THEM TO BEAR THEIR FAIR SHARE OF ANY COSTS.

FINALLY, THE AMENDMENT STRIVES TO TAKE THIS WHOLE ISSUE BEYOND THE PARTISAN POT-SHOTTING THAT SO MANY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN. IT URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ENGAGE IN A PROMPT, QUIET, COMPREHENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE CONGRESS -- AIMED AT FORMULATING A NATIONAL STRATEGY, IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THIS AMENDMENT SAYS A LOT IN A RELATIVELY FEW WORDS.

MORE IMPORTANT, IT SAYS THE RIGHT THINGS -- IN A CLEAR AND STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY.

IT OUTLINES A VERY COMPREHENSIVE, SOLID, AND SENSIBLE STRATEGY.

IT IS A STRATEGY I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WILL WELCOME, IN IMPORTANT PART BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS SUPPORT FOR JUST THE KIND OF APPROACH HE HAS ALREADY BEEN PURSUING.

SO I COMMEND THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM MICHIGAN, SENATOR LEVIN, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I COMMEND HIS COLLEAGUE FROM NEW JERSEY, SENATOR BRADLEY, WHO HAS MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS AMENDMENT.

AND I URGE ALL SENATORS TO JOIN US IN PASSING THE AMENDMENT.

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