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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 3, 2004

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
H-232 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hastert:

I urge you to reconvene the U.S. House in August to address the unanimous recommendations of the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission). The serious issues presented in this report deserve the urgent and undivided attention of the entire Congress.

President Bush said yesterday, "our country is safer than it was on September the 11th, 2001, yet, we're still not safe."

The third anniversary of the attacks on America is just over a month away. By September 11, 2004, Congress can and should have legislation ready to address the failures of U.S. intelligence. Now is time for the entire Congress to openly discuss, debate and decide the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

Again, I urge you to call Congress back to session as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of my request and your expedited attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress

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