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Washington, D.C. 20500

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State of New York Legislative Resolution

Assembly No. 1584



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URGING President William J. Clinton and the United States Congress to investigate the causes of the rising costs of heating fuels and to enact measures to alleviate the burden such steep increases place on low and moderate income consumers, on working families, and on the elderly and people on fixed incomes

WHEREAS, This Assembled Body is exceedingly concerned about recent, dramatic increases in the price of petroleum and home heating fuels; and

WHEREAS, About three million of New York State's 6.8 million households use home heating oil; and

WHEREAS, The cost of home heating oil began rising even before the arrival of the current arctic temperature spell being experienced in New York State and across the northeast; and

WHEREAS, Daily increases of as much as 30 cents per gallon have occurred; and

WHEREAS, While such steep increases affect all consumers, the health and safety of low and moderate income consumers, working families, the elderly and people on fixed incomes are being jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, The current price of home heating oil is the highest recorded in New York State since the Gulf War in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Some of New York's citizens are being forced to decide whether to heat their homes or purchase other basic necessities, such as prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Spot shortages of kerosene have occurred, exacerbating an already serious problem; gasoline prices have begun to rise as well; and

WHEREAS, The cost of diesel fuel has also risen; a 70 cent increase has brought the cost of diesel fuel to a high of two dollars per gallon which could force truckers to park their rigs or pass the increase on to consumers through surcharges; and

WHEREAS, It is clear that not only are extremely high fuel prices seriously affecting individuals, they can have a dramatic negative impact on the economy of our State and nation by increasing energy, production and transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, The rapid and extreme increase in home heating oil and other fuel prices cannot be attributed solely to OPEC's control of the quantity and cost of crude oil, currently approaching 30 dollars per barrel, almost three times the price of crude oil one year ago, or by the federal government's failure to release an emergency supply of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to urge the President and the United States Congress to investigate the causes of the rising cost of petroleum and related fuels and to enact measures to alleviate the burden such steep increases place on low and moderate income consumers, on working families, and on the elderly and people on fixed incomes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President William J. Clinton, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and to each member of the New York State Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
January 31, 2000

By order of the Assembly,

Francine M. Misasi
Francine M. Misasi, Clerk



JEFFREY W. COY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
89TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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March 21, 2000

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Dear President Clinton,

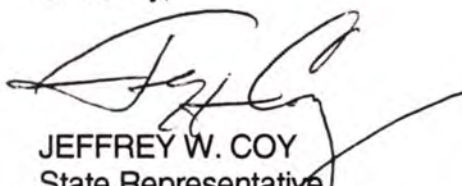
Last spring at a Democratic Leadership Council meeting in Baltimore, you invited me to join you for a round of golf at Penn National Golf Course in my legislative district of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. I just wanted to remind you of our conversation and let you know that I still would be delighted to join you.

I am serving my ninth term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and my fourth in Democratic Leadership. Currently I serve as Democratic Caucus Secretary. Although I am busy this year with an election of my own, I am also a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention committed to Vice President Al Gore.

I know you enjoy playing golf at Penn National's challenging and scenic courses, and I anticipate you'll be returning there again this summer. I would enjoy playing in your group or, at the very least, being notified of your visit so I can greet you at the golf course.

Thanks and I look forward to talking to you again soon.

Sincerely,


JEFFREY W. COY
State Representative
89th Legislative District

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Mr. Curie,

The book, "I Buried John F. Kennedy," was sent to your attention on Monday, March 27, 2000. If you can call this to the President's attention before he leaves for South Carolina it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Jim Felder

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Kris prior to
trip
JMF

JAMES L. FELDER
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March 24, 2000

President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

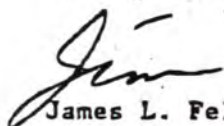
It was truly a pleasure meeting you at the RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION "Keep Hope Alive" Reception in Washington on December 12, 1999. It was a wonderful event and my friend Patricia Brown has encased the photo you took with her in a lock and key frame device.

Enclosed is a copy of my book, "I BURIED JOHN F. KENNEDY", that I promised to send to you. Your comments are welcomed.

My mentor and spiritual leader, The Rt. Rev Fred C. James, and I are anxiously awaiting your visit to Allen University to honor my schoolmate, Jim Clyburn, on March 29, 2000.

Finally, I personally appreciate all you have done in the past seven years to level the playing field for all minorities to participate in the federal workplace at all levels. I am working on a publication that will highlight the many persons of color who you appointed during your tenure.

Sincerely,


James L. Felder

Enclosure

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Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton

We are deeply disturbed at your intervention on the side of multinational corporations and the World Trade Organization (WTO) against the State of Massachusetts' law prohibiting public contracts with companies exploiting slave labor under the military dictatorship of Myanmar (the former Burma). 00 MAR 31 AM 8:17

Approximately 25 state and local governments, including the cities of New York and Los Angeles, have passed similar procurement laws in an effort to mount pressure against horrendous human rights abuses.

By your logic, the great anti-apartheid campaigns of the 1980s would have been illegal because they "discriminated" against banks and corporations that wanted to invest in a brutal, racist economic regime. As you will recall, California led the way in divesting from apartheid, just as Massachusetts today is taking an important stand against the use of public tax dollars that prop up foreign dictatorships.

Leading the charge against the Massachusetts' law is the National Foreign Trade Council, composed of 550 multinational corporations including many with investments in the Myanmar slave-labor economy.

It is shameful that your Administration's representative, Solicitor General Seth Waxman, describes the Massachusetts law as an "unnecessary irritant" in the U.S. government's relationships with its trade partners. In trade circles, he is quoted as saying, "the question is not what to do about Burma but what to do about Massachusetts". (New York Times, Mar. 23, 2000)

It is clear from these statements that investors' rights take priority over human rights in the Administration's brief.

Rather than be condemned as an "irritant", Massachusetts should be credited as a catalyst. It was only after the 1996 Massachusetts' law that the U.S. Congress decided to enact a more modest version.

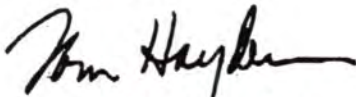
It was Massachusetts two centuries ago that led the resistance to British mercantilism that resulted in the American revolution. Today it is Massachusetts that is resisting the new mercantilism of the WTO and your Administration.

The WTO and your Administration claim that only the U.S. Congress may conduct foreign policy. But this is not about "conducting" foreign policy, it is about the rights of states to set procurement policies in the public interest. Specifically, if a state refuses to contract with an oil company that exploits laborers under armed guard, it has nothing to do with the jurisdictional power of the federal government to "conduct" foreign policy as it wishes. Nor is there any prohibition in our U.S. Constitution against states enacting their own procurement or contracting policies towards foreign multinationals.

Mr. President, Justice Brandeis wisely described the states as "the laboratories of reform" in our federal system. Under your policies the states will be reduced to mere subsidiaries of a centralized nation-state and the New World Order being assembled by groups like the National Foreign Trade Council.

We urge you to support the American democratic system, and with the 78 members of the U.S. Congress who have signed a brief in favor of Massachusetts.

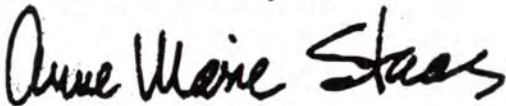
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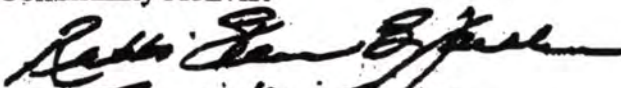
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Promoting Mideast Peace
for the Sake of Israel
and the United States

March 29, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

It is my great pleasure to write to you on behalf of Israel Policy Forum, on whose Executive Board I serve, and ask that you permit us to honor you at our 3rd Tribute Dinner. The Dinner will take place in New York City this Fall, at a mutually agreeable time after the election. It is our most sincere hope that you will agree to our request, so that we can thank you and recognize your achievements on behalf of Middle East peace and the security of the State of Israel during the past eight years.

As you know, Israel Policy Forum was created in 1993, with the encouragement of the late Prime Minister Rabin, to build support for the Mideast peace process. Throughout your Presidency, we have made clear our belief that a consistent, active U.S. role is essential if peace is to be achieved. We strongly feel that without your personal involvement – at the Wye River Plantation, in Geneva and at countless other critical points – the peace process could well have collapsed. But time and again, you used the prestige of your office and your personal credibility and wisdom to keep the process going.

For these reasons, and others, we would like the opportunity to say "thank you." Our Tribute Dinner is a perfect way of doing so. Vice President Gore was the honoree at our first dinner and Prime Minister Barak chose the IPF dinner last November as the venue for his first public appearance in the United States as prime minister. Paying tribute to you for your historic work in advancing the peace process – and for a lifetime of support and love for Israel – would make an unforgettable 2000 IPF Tribute Dinner.

We thank you for any consideration you give this request.

Sincerely,

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg

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