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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your opposition for aid to the former Soviet Union. As your Representative, I want to assure you that your views are of crucial importance to me, and I appreciate your taking the time and trouble to communicate them to me.

The end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union marks one of the brightest moments of the century. I am proud to watch the former Soviet Union move from a closed communist society to a open democracy and free market economy. However, this transformation is not without its risks. The likelihood that these republics will sink into a closed or even totalitarian state and with the control of a still formidable military complex remains high. Therefore, the United States, as the sole superpower, has an interest and a duty to help the former republics through these difficult times.

However, we do have severe domestic problems and a large budget deficit. That is why on June 17, 1993, I voted for H.R. 2295, the fiscal 1994 foreign operations appropriations which contained only \$2.5 billion, down from the \$4.5 billion the President requested, in aid to Russia and the other former republics of the Soviet Union. I believe this compromise in aid is essential in bolstering the fledgling market economies and new democracies and in providing stability to the area without placing an undue burden on our Federal budget. Not only does this aid provide economic, humanitarian, and technical assistance but it also provides funds for disposing of the vast nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons arsenal.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding aid to the former Soviet Union. I appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me on this important issue, and I look forward to our continuing dialogue. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weiss:

As the Representative of the district in which you reside, I received the correspondence which you sent to another Member. I apologize for the delay which this forwarding process has created, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

I believe that we need to enact some type of comprehensive health care reform. The present state of health care in the United States is unacceptable for the strongest, most prosperous nation in the world. Currently, 37 million Americans are uninsured, and another 25 million are underinsured. Additionally, one out of every four Americans stands to lose health coverage at some point during the next two years.

Without serious reform, the prospects for the future are even worse. Health care costs right now are rising at such an alarming rate that it is becoming considerably more difficult for those Americans who do have insurance to afford it. This country spends twice as much on health care per capita as any major European nation, yet our citizens go to the doctor half as often. We also have higher infant mortality rates and lower life expectancy rates. In other words we are spending our health care dollars very inefficiently. For example, one quarter of all health care spending in the U.S. goes towards administrative services.

The solutions to these problems will not be easy to find. However, the cost of doing nothing is too large to ignore. The President has submitted to Congress an ambitious legislative proposal which he describes in terms of seven basic principles: **security, simplicity, savings, quality, choice, and responsibility.**

The plan proposes that all Americans be guaranteed comprehensive health benefits that could never be taken away. Employers would contribute the vast majority of health premiums and individuals would be responsible for the remaining 20%. Every American would be given a Health Security card that would give them access to a uniform benefits package, thereby cutting down on unnecessary and costly paperwork. Finally, health care coverage would be purchased through large health care alliances which would enable consumers and small businesses to band together to have the same kind of clout as large businesses in negotiating lower premiums and quality coverage.

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Clearly, this is a monumental bill deserving of serious consideration. But while I support the broad statement of principles which the President has espoused as the basis for his health care reform efforts, I remain concerned about a number of elements of this plan. Most importantly, I want to make sure that health care reform and universal coverage will not mean a dilution in the quality services that we have a right to be proud of in New York. I do not want to see a plan in which people pay more money for less coverage. Also I would be hesitant to support a bill unless I am absolutely certain that it maintains a patient's right to choose his or her own doctor. Additionally, I would not support health care rationing which would deny services to those who need medical attention. We can and must retain what is right about our system as we fix what is wrong.

New York City also has certain special needs which must be addressed by any final health care package, and I have concerns about how some of the specific provisions in the President's plan will our City. For example, if graduate medical education funds are cut as drastically as the President has proposed, we will lose some of the medical residents who help staff our hospitals which are already responding to overwhelming demands. I am also concerned about proposed limitations on Medicaid reimbursements to New York, given the extraordinarily large population of our residents who are served under this program.

These concerns and many others must be addressed over the coming months as we work to develop a health care reform package which provides accessible, affordable health care for all. I assure you that I will be working hard to make sure that the final package accommodates the special needs of New York City and New Yorkers. Before I can support any proposal, I need to know how it will impact on our daily lives. Your input in that process is important to me. Please keep in touch.

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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting my office to express your support of gun control. The views of my constituents are of vital importance to me and I take them very seriously.

I am pleased to report that the House recently voted to enact H.R. 1025, the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act which I had cosponsored. As you may know, the President recently signed this bill, which will institute a 5-day waiting period before the sale of a handgun can be completed. This waiting period will first allow for police background checks to screen out felons and other high-risk individuals, and will also provide a "cooling-off" period which would deter the commission of crimes of passion.

I have also co-sponsored H.R. 544, the Multiple Handgun Transfer Prohibition Act of 1993. This crucial piece of legislation would prohibit the sale of more than one handgun to any one person in any 30-day period. If passed, H.R. 544 would stop the current practice of people going out of state to buy large amounts of handguns and then redistributing them in their home state. Like the Brady Bill, H.R. 544 recognizes that only a national approach to gun control legislation can provide concrete protection to our citizens.

Finally, I strongly support proposals to raise taxes on guns and ammunition. I believe that such a tax is an extremely appropriate way to raise revenue to pay for health care reform, and would serve to reduce the quantity of weapons in our society.

The proliferation of handguns is an enormous problem which can not be solved by piecemeal approach, especially in large urban areas like New York. These measures represent first steps in my fight to help to make our cities safe. I appreciate the role that all Americans must play in this process. That's why I'm glad you gave me the opportunity to get the benefit of your views, and I hope to be able to continue our dialogue in the future. Please stay in touch.

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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Knowing of your concern about crime in our neighborhoods and our nation, I wanted you to know that the House recently passed, and I supported, a comprehensive anti-crime bill. Following a conference with the Senate, a final bill will be voted on as early as Memorial Day.

The House bill -- which authorizes \$28 billion on anti-crime measures by the end of the decade -- strikes a good balance of punishment measures and prevention strategies. Most importantly, I am pleased that both the House and Senate versions will fund tens of thousands of new cops on the streets -- as many as 100,000 new police officers will be walking the beat.

The House bill earmarks over twice as much as the Senate bill -- \$14.1 billion as compared to \$6 billion -- for building additional prisons and "boot camps" for youthful offenders. The augmented prison facilities logically dovetail with the House action to implement the "three strikes and you're out" provision, a mandatory life sentence for anyone convicted of a third violent felony. In order to make our communities safe, we must act to isolate those who have clearly proven themselves to be a threat to society.

At the same time, there is almost twice as much funding in the House bill for prevention measures, and I hope the conference committee is able to preserve that priority. Programs in our community geared to youth are especially important in breaking the cycle of crime.

I have cosponsored bills to ban assault weapons; regrettably, the National Rifle Association blocked the inclusion of this important provision in the bill. But you can be sure that I will vote to ban these murderous weapons when separate assault weapons legislation is considered in the House.

With the memories of the Long Island Railroad rampage still fresh in our minds, many New Yorkers agree that the time has come to pass a tough anti-crime bill. I was proud to support this important bill. Please don't hesitate to share your views with me.

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**Congress of the United States**  
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October 7, 1994

Mr. Philip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me about the effort to enact health care reform, and the recently passed anti-crime bill. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important matter, and I want to assure you that I take your views very seriously.

I am convinced that the time to enact fundamental health care reform has come. I am disappointed that it appears unlikely that a major reform bill will pass this year; and I am hopeful that Congress will readdress this issue early in 1995. Currently 37 million American have no health insurance, and another 40 million stand to lose their coverage in the next two years. What's more, one out of every seven dollars spent in the U.S. goes toward health care, and if left unchecked, health care costs will consume 20 percent of our GDP by the year 2000; a situation which would have a debilitating effect on our economy.

As you probably know, a number of proposals to reform our health care system have been passed by Congressional committees. Whenever the final votes on health care are cast in the House, I am committed to passing a comprehensive health care reform proposal which is consistent with the following basic goals:

- Makes sure that every American has access to health care which cannot be taken away.
- Enacts a comprehensive benefits package that provides all medically necessary services and emphasizes preventative care.
- Ensures that patients retain the ability to choose their providers.
- Protects New York's world renowned teaching hospitals and research facilities.
- Retains a woman's right to reproductive freedom.

I voted for the omnibus anti-crime bill because violent crime in this country has been on the rise for the last decade, and millions of Americans have called on Congress to do something about it. In direct response to my constituents, I voted for, and the House recently passed H.R. 3355, the Omnibus Anti-Crime bill. Unlike other anti-crime bills, this legislation makes a serious attempt at preventing crime, rather than just building more prisons or spending more on law enforcement.

Of the \$30.2 billion authorized by the bill, \$5.5 billion will pay for community crime prevention programs across the country. A quarter of the money for prevention programs will fund programs to prevent violence against women. It also provides money for in-school and after-school programs to improve academic skills, job training, and work opportunities to

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encourage young people to choose learning and working instead of gangs. Contrary to the bill's naysayers, these are important programs, designed to curb crime before it happens.

In addition to the prevention programs, the bill also contains many tough anti-crime provisions which I feel will effectively address the current crime problem. H.R. 3355 provides \$13.5 billion for localities to hire 100,000 more police officers. It enacts several common sense gun control measures, including banning 19 types of assault weapons. It also enacts a "three strikes, you're out" provision for violent offenders, and provides almost \$10 billion for prisons.

Finally, I am pleased to report that this bill will not raise taxes or increase the deficit. The entire bill will be financed by eliminating more than 250,000 Federal jobs that had already been identified as unnecessary by Vice-President Gore's report on streamlining government.

I am confident this is a smart and comprehensive approach to lowering the crime rate and making our streets safe. I appreciate your input on these important issues, and hope you will keep in touch.

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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to an invasion of Haiti by the U.S. military. You will be pleased to know that we are in agreement on this very important issue.

I consistently and strongly opposed a U.S. military invasion against hostile Haitian forces, and I communicated my concern directly to the White House. While reestablishing democracy in Haiti is an important goal, I simply did not believe that there were sufficient U.S. national interests at stake to risk the lives of American soldiers.

I was therefore pleased that the President succeeded in using the threat of force to bring about a diplomatic solution to this situation; a resolution which offers the prospect of a transition from tyranny to democracy in Haiti. I believe that President Carter, General Powell, and Senator Nunn are to be commended for securing an agreement from Haiti's rulers that they will leave power, an agreement that has already lead to the removal of General Cedras and was achieved without the loss of American lives.

I fully support the thousands of brave men and women who are serving so admirably in Haiti. However, I firmly believe that it is incumbent upon the President to explain exactly what the scope of this mission will be, and to end our military involvement in Haiti as soon as possible. That is why on October 6th, I voted for a resolution which called on the President to bring our troops home as quickly as possible, in a manner which will not endanger the lives of our soldiers. The resolution also stated that President Clinton should have sought approval from Congress before the mission started, and calls for close Congressional monitoring of the situation in Haiti now that U.S. forces are on the ground.

Thank you very much for sharing your views with me on this issue, and for giving me the opportunity to spell out my own position. Please feel free to contact me again with any further thoughts on this issue, or any other matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

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October 29, 1994

Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the use and disposal of nuclear power. I want to apologize for taking so long to respond to you. Due to the volume of mail which my office has received, a backlog in response time has developed. However, I want to assure you that, as your Representative, I appreciate your taking the time and the trouble to communicate your views to me.

The issue of nuclear energy development is one which touches all of our lives. In my view, the federal government should not be promoting this potentially unsafe type of energy, especially when there is no safe method of disposal. I believe that we need to research safer and more effective alternatives to nuclear energy, such as solar power, wind power, and clean hydrogen.

You may be pleased to know that on June 14, 1994, I voted for the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, the principle bill governing nuclear energy spending, which was later signed into law by the President. This bill cuts funding for nuclear energy supply research and development by over \$80 million. Even more significant were the spending cuts made to the Atomic Energy Defense appropriations. This section contained over \$550 million in reductions, including cuts in defense research, development and testing, and nuclear stockpile support. Nearly half the defense-related funds in the bill are designated for environmental restoration and waste management programs at the many Department of Energy's nuclear weapons plants and related facilities. These spending priorities mark a significant change in energy policy toward being more environmentally friendly and responsible.

I was proud to play a role in eliminating these programs and feel strongly that we can go even further in reducing federal subsidies to nuclear energy. You can be sure that I will continue to aggressively pursue a more progressive and responsible environmental agenda.

I am also concerned about limiting nuclear weapons testing. As you may know, in October 1992, Congress voted to impose a nine-month moratorium on U.S. nuclear testing, limiting types of testing that may be conducted. France and Russia have both extended their bans on testing so long as the U.S. continues to observe our similar moratorium. In response to the imminent ending of that nine month period, I co-sponsored H.Con.Res. 37, a resolution which urged the President to initiate negotiations toward a Comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Test Ban Treaty at the earliest possible time.

In addition to that action, I joined together with 60 of my House colleagues in writing a letter to the President expressing the view that a resumption of testing would not be in the best interests of the American people, or the people of the world. I was therefore extremely pleased when the President announced his intention to continue the moratorium on nuclear testing until September 1995. President Clinton has also indicated that he will extend this moratorium for as long as other countries refrain from testing as well. This "no first use" policy is an important step forward.

Since the Cold War has ended, there is no reason why the United States should not continue to take the lead in working with other nuclear powers in order to end the testing of nuclear weapons **forever**. We owe it to our children to make the world a safer place, without the terrifying threat of nuclear war and the dangerous debris of nuclear explosions. I assure you that I will continue to lend my strong support to legislation aimed at reducing the dangers of nuclear weapons.

Again, I appreciate your giving me the benefit of your views on this crucial issue. I greatly value open communication with my constituents. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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July 3, 1995

Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for taking the time and effort to contact me over the phone. I want to apologize for taking so long to respond to you. Due to the volume of calls which my office receives, a backlog in response time has developed. However, I want to assure you that, as your Representative, I appreciate that you took the trouble to communicate with me.

Listening to the concerns of my constituents is one of my most important responsibilities, and I take your comments very seriously. You make several good points, and you can be assured that I will be keeping your thoughts in mind as I consider the various issues involved. Moreover, I appreciate your input and encourage you to stay involved with the legislative process.

Once again, thank you for sharing your views with me. I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me again about the important issues which face our city and our country.

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September 13, 1996

Mr. Philip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

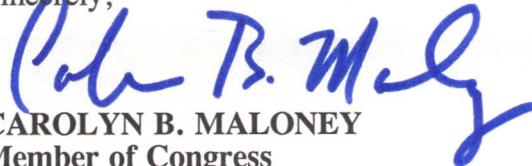
Thank you for contacting my office to express your anger and grief over the tragedy of TWA Flight 800. As your Representative, I greatly appreciate that you have taken the time and effort to inform me of your views.

I understand that your anger stems from what seemed at the beginning to be a slow and insensitive investigation. In retrospect, I am confident that the first priority of the investigators was to reunite the families with their loved ones. At the same time, there was a serious national security threat, and the searchers needed to investigate thoroughly, as they continue to do today. Until the investigation is complete, every American has the right to feel a certain amount of insecurity.

The first and foremost concern for any country is national security. We need to make sure that the tragedy of Flight 800 never happens again. I will continue to fight in Congress for better security measures not only at airports but at all transportation venues. President Clinton has placed airport security at the top of his agenda.

This tragedy has affected me deeply. I continue to pray for the victims and their families. Thank you again for contacting my office. Please keep in touch.

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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the current situation in Kosovo. As your Representative, I greatly appreciate your taking the time and the trouble to communicate your views to me.

I support NATO's overall goal to help secure a peaceful, multi-ethnic, and democratic Kosovo. In this past century Europe has been the battleground for two world wars and NATO's involvement is playing a key role in preventing this confrontation from escalating and spreading to neighboring countries. The NATO military action was intended to inflict such damage that either Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic will change his calculations and accept NATO conditions, or seriously diminish his capacity to maintain his grip and impose his control on Kosovo. This became increasingly important with his recent War Crimes Tribunal indictment.

I am encouraged by the recent developments in the Kosovo crisis. It appears that Milosevic has agreed to pull out Serbian troops from Kosovo and allow a peacekeeping force in Kosovo. This unified NATO force, to which the United States is a part, will help the numerous refugees return home and deter any further conflict.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me on this important issue. Please keep in touch.

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December 12, 2001

Mr. Philip Weiss  
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New York, NY 10010

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting me about the protection of civil liberties. I appreciate hearing from you.

I strongly believe that we must increase security measures to prevent another terrorist attack from occurring, but not at the expense of our civil liberties. While I initially had concerns about the provisions of H.R. 2975, the Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act of 2001, I believe that the final version of the bill, which had broad support, balanced the need for additional law enforcement tools with protecting the rights of Americans. I, along with my other colleagues who were concerned about protecting civil liberties, insisted that this legislation contain a sunset provision that forces Congress to review the statutes after four years, so that we can correct any abuses that may have occurred. We can fight terrorism while also defending the basic freedoms of Americans.

Throughout my career in Congress, I have been an outspoken supporter of legislation that would curb racial profiling, hate crimes, and which would protect the privacy of all Americans. We should not enact legislation that does not fairly address the rights of legal aliens and foreign nationals. During this difficult time, we must remember that America stands for freedom, and any attempts to limit liberties, would be a victory for those who seek to destroy democracy. Be assured that as Congress debates other measures to increase our nation's security, I will fight to protect the fundamental rights of all Americans.

Thank you again for sharing your views with me. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney".

CAROLYN B. MALONEY  
Member of Congress

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March 23, 1982

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Philip Weiss  
8100 Pop Plaza  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for your letter concerning the defense budget of our nation. I appreciate knowing of your interest in this important matter.

I have always believed that a strong national defense is vital to our national security and world peace interests. For this reason, I have always voted in favor of maintaining an adequate program for national defense. However, I share your concern that our defense budget be scrutinized for waste and that any increase in defense spending be targeted for those systems which promise to be the most cost-effective. For this reason, I do not support the MX missile program as currently proposed. I feel strongly that the alternatives to the MX/MPS based missile system should be fully reviewed by the Congress before a long term commitment is made.

Again, thank you for contacting me on this important matter. I am always interested to hear from the people whom I represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry".

**JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U.S. Congressman**

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

April 28, 1982

Mr. Philip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

Never has the fear of nuclear war hung so ominously over the human race as it does today. We have entered an era of renewed nuclear escalation that poses graver threats to human existence than we have ever faced. By the end of this century an estimated 60 nations will be capable of building nuclear weapons. Unless we change our current nuclear arms policy we have little hope of avoiding a nuclear catastrophe beyond all human imaginings.

The United States, which produced the first nuclear weapons and maintains a nuclear stockpile capable of destroying the world several times over, holds a special responsibility to help reverse growing nuclear escalation. The present Administration however, has chosen to lock our nation into a nuclear arms buildup that not only makes nuclear war appear more likely, but drains our nation's economic vitality. Nuclear bombs are no longer regarded as merely weapons of deterrence, but as potential weapons of war. Suddenly some are saying a nuclear war is not only survivable, but "winnable".

In an effort to seek substantial reductions in our seemingly self-perpetuating arms buildup, I have cosponsored two important Congressional resolutions. H.J.Res. 443 calls for an immediate beginning of U.S. - Soviet strategic arms reduction talks, and H.J.Res. 434 calls for a nuclear weapons freeze and reduction.

The nuclear weapons freeze resolution calls on the United States and the Soviet Union to negotiate a mutual and verifiable freeze on their nuclear arsenals, and then proceed with negotiations for major mutual reductions. If achieved, it would provide an essential step in the right direction. If now is not the time to stop the nuclear arms race, when will that time ever come?

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry".

JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 14, 1982

Mr. Philip Weiss  
8100 Pop Plaza, #211  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

For the past year, I have been working with others to bring about effective congressional action to halt the nuclear arms race. We are finally making significant progress.

As you may know, leading Congressional Democrats & Republicans from every part of the country recently joined with me in sponsoring H.J.Res. 434, a bipartisan resolution calling on the United States and the Soviet Union to seek an end to the arms race through a nuclear weapons freeze and mutual verifiable reductions in nuclear arms. Enclosed please find a copy of a statement I recently delivered in the House of Representatives in support of the nuclear weapons freeze.

The prevention of nuclear war, either by design or accident, is an issue of importance to all of us. I hope that you will join with me in my efforts to see that this vital issue receives the much needed attention it deserves.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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Congress of the United States  
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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

August 30, 1982

Mr. Phillip Weiss  
8100 Park Plaza, #211  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

As one who is interested in Middle East peace, I am sure you know that the Reagan Administration has recently proposed to sell advanced weapons to Jordan. Apparently this is part of the new policy of strengthening U.S. ties with "moderate" Arab nations.


U.S. and Jordanian officials have already negotiated details of the sale, although congressional consideration of the proposal may be delayed until next year because of political ramifications.

Believing that such a sale would further disturb the delicate balance of power in the Middle East, I have cosponsored two resolutions, H.Res. 406 and H.Res. 485, which oppose U.S. arms sales in Jordan. Jordan, with one of the strongest military forces in the Middle East, has consistently rejected invitations to participate in peace initiatives such as Camp David; has failed to recognize Israel's state of existence as a nation; has continually been determined to buy arms from the Soviet Union; and has aligned itself closely with Iraq -- a nation pledged to the destruction of Israel.

As with last year's AWACs deal with Saudi Arabia, the proposed sale to Jordan undermines our support of Israel. With these sales, the U.S. not only perpetuates the spiraling arms build-up, but also forces Israel to spend more and more on advanced weapons to maintain a strategic balance with her declared enemies.

You can be assured that I will continue to insist that the Administration stop these arms sales and, instead, use U.S. influence in diplomatic efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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P.S. On another note of which may be of interest to you, I am sending my recent remarks in the Congressional Record concerning Interior Secretary Watt's controversial letter to Moshe Arens, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

September 1, 1982

Mr. Philip Weiss  
8100 Pop Plaza, #211  
Stanton, California 90680

Dear Mr. Weiss:


As you may know, a substitute nuclear weapons freeze resolution supported by President Reagan and abandoning the goal of a weapons freeze, recently passed the House of Representatives by an extremely close vote of 204 to 202. The switch of just one vote would have been the difference since the anti-freeze amendment would have lost on a tie vote.

Supporters of the President contend that he is interested in arms control and needs the support of the Congress to negotiate a new agreement. I would like to accept this argument -- but the President's past statements tell a different story. He opposed President Kennedy's Test Ban Treaty in 1963. He opposed President Johnson's push for a non-proliferation Treaty in 1967. President Nixon negotiated Salt I in 1972, and Ronald Reagan opposed it. When President Ford restricted the sale of weapons grade nuclear material in 1975, Ronald Reagan was opposed, as he was when President Ford later concluded the Vladivostok Agreement in 1976. Naturally, when President Carter negotiated Salt II, Ronald Reagan opposed it.

For twenty years, Mr. Weiss, Ronald Reagan has opposed every step towards arms control by every President of either political party, Republican or Democrat. Today as President, he is attempting to lock our nation into a nuclear arms buildup that makes nuclear war appear more likely. When President Reagan says that he cannot accept a nuclear weapons freeze because he needs the support of Congress to help him negotiate arms control with the Soviet Union, I am sorry I can not agree. A nuclear weapons freeze in my opinion is a long overdue and very necessary effort.

Enclosed please find a copy of my remarks to the House during the debate on the nuclear freeze. Because of the importance of this issue, I have once again joined my colleagues in reinforcing the nuclear freeze resolution. I trust we will succeed in our next effort.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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Congress of the United States  
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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

April 18, 1983

Mr. Phillip W. Weiss  
President  
Organiz. for Fiscal Integrity  
12062 Valley View #127  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

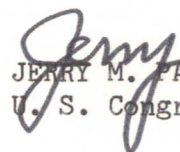
Thank you for letting me know you are opposed to the 10% withholding on interest and dividend income. I, too, am opposed to this inequitable tax policy and will continue to fight against it.

As you may be aware, the withholding provision was the centerpiece of the tax increase bill President Reagan proposed last fall. And unfortunately, despite vigorous efforts by a number of my colleagues and me to delete the provision, it remained in the bill. The inclusion of this unfair withholding provision is one of the key reasons why I voted against the passage of the tax increase measure.

Immediately after the tax increase bill was signed into law, I cosponsored legislation to repeal the withholding provision. This effort was not successful as the Congress did not act on the repeal legislation before the close of last year's legislative session. Now that a new Congress has been elected and convened for business, we can and will try again. I have cosponsored a bill to repeal the withholding provision and so far 222 of my colleagues have joined me in this effort. I am hopeful that the Congress will repeal the withholding provision well before its July 1 effective date.

Again, thank you for your communication. I appreciate your taking time to let me know your opinion on this important issue, and I'll advise you as this matter progresses.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 3, 1983

Mr. Melvin J. Wilbourn  
Organiz. for Fiscal Integrity  
12062 Valley View, Suite 127  
Garden Grove, California 92645

Dear Mr. Wilbourn:

Thank you for informing me of your interest in House Concurrent Resolution 44, which emphasizes the need for continued support for federal nutrition programs. You will be pleased to learn that I am a cosponsor of this resolution.

Like you, I recognize the importance of maintaining our federal commitment to nutrition and health programs for our elderly, sick, poor, and indigent citizens. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have supported meals-on-wheels, school lunch and nutrition services, and the continuation of the women, infant, and childrens program. Particularly during this period of economic recession, we must continue our efforts to ensure that citizens of the United States do not suffer from poor nutrition.

I appreciate receiving your views on this important issue. Please continue to keep me apprised of your interest in federal legislation.

Cordially,

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
8100 Park Plaza #211  
Stanton, CA 90680

Dear Mr. Weiss:

Thank you for telephoning my office to express your concern about the upcoming 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics. I am always interested to hear from the citizens whom I represent.

Although I am not personally involved with the production of the 1984 Summer Olympics, I am familiar with both the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and the U.S. Olympic Organizing Committee. Both of these organizations have been very explicit in making public their intention to fund the games without using federal tax dollars. To the best of my knowledge, they have thus far been successful in this effort. Their funding sources include the worldwide sale of television-broadcasting rights, commercial-sponsorship fees, ticket revenues, proceeds from the sale of Olympic coins and corporate sponsorships.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns. If I may ever be of assistance to you or your family on any matter concerning the federal government, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Cordially,

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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U.S. Congressman

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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

JERRY M. PATTERSON  
38TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

October 24, 1983

Mr. Melvin J. Wilbourn  
Organiz. for Fiscal Integrity  
12062 Valley View, Suite 127  
Garden Grove, California 92645

Dear Mr. Wilbourn:

Please accept my personal invitation to a hearing of the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families of the House of Representatives on November 4th. The hearing will be held in the Santa Ana City Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana.

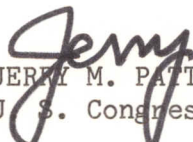
Panels of witnesses from the southwestern states, including several representatives from Orange County, will begin their testimony at 9:30 a.m. After a short lunch break, the Committee will reconvene for an afternoon session.

This regional hearing, "Children, Youth and Families in the Southwest," will provide the Select Committee with information important to its continuing assessment of the changes affecting children and families in the 1980's. Orange County presents a unique setting for learning about the newly emerging problems which parents, teachers and children are confronting. This is an important opportunity for Orange County to participate directly in the shaping of future federal policy affecting children and families.

During the course of the day, we will examine several community efforts relating to such issues as child care, educational standards, vocational guidance, substance abuse treatment and crisis prevention. The hearing record will be held open for an additional few weeks for those who wish to submit written testimony on pertinent topics. Our objective is to incorporate the experiences and lessons of Orange County and the southwestern region in the Committee's final legislative recommendations.

I am joined by Chairman George Miller of California in urging you to attend this informative hearing on November 4th. Please extend our invitation to your friends and associates. For more information about the hearing, please call my Santa Ana office at 714/835-3811.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman



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JERRY M. PATTERSON  
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Mr. Phillip Weiss  
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

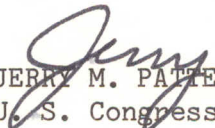
Thank you for contacting me regarding your views on the events in Lebanon. I believe that we must reassess our country's role in that area of the world.

The recent tragedy has cost more than 200 American lives and raises the unsettling question of U.S. effectiveness as a peacekeeping force in that country. President Reagan has sent American troops to all sides of the globe in an effort to police the world, yet he has not defined a secure role and purpose for U.S. involvement. Our presence in Lebanon was intended to be one of mediation, but we now find ourselves sitting ducks for fanatics, with no clear idea of who our enemies are. I was opposed to sending the Marines to Lebanon originally, and I question whether or not we are really capable of keeping peace in that region.

The President has demanded the lead role in foreign policy formulation, yet he has not provided Congress or the American people with realistic goals. Despite my desire to work cooperatively with the President in foreign affairs, we in Congress must insist on legitimate, attainable foreign policy goals. That is why I supported the Stratton-Long proposal to implement the War Powers Act and to require our speedy withdrawal from both Lebanon and Grenada.

I share your concern in this area and I understand the helplessness that many of us feel. This is a very sensitive issue for all Americans and it is necessary that we define a coherent policy before we find ourselves again embroiled in a wasteful, costly and meaningless war.

Cordially,

  
JERRY M. PATTERSON  
U. S. Congressman

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