

Senator Russ Feingold  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Feingold,

**As human rights, development and humanitarian organizations working on African issues, we thank you for your unparalleled dedication and commitment to Africa's progress while serving in the U.S. Senate.**

During your entire tenure in the Senate, and particularly as Chair of the Africa Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, your work promoting transparency, accountability and democratic governance, combating conflict minerals, working to end mass atrocities, fighting gender-based violence, and advancing global health -just to name a few- brought much-needed attention to otherwise neglected areas.

Likewise, you worked tirelessly to advance the cause of human rights and democracy throughout the continent. Your efforts stretched from Sudan to Zimbabwe, from Equatorial Guinea to Ethiopia and will have long-lasting impact. Your devotion to these issues was evidenced by the number of hearings you chaired, important legislation you introduced, and powerful statements released from your office when so many others stayed silent. While never hesitating to express criticism when deserved, you also adopted a respectful approach of working with African institutions and organizations, and reached out to African legislators as peers.

Your leadership in the U.S. Senate will be sorely missed, but we are committed to pursuing the work you started. We hope you will continue the fight for human rights and democracy in Africa and it would be our privilege to work with you again on those issues in the future.

With deepest respect and appreciation,

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