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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 6, 2006

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my grave concern and disappointment over your decision to install Ellen Sauerbrey through a recess appointment to the post of Assistant Secretary of State for Refugees, Population and Migration. As a result of this decision, there will be no further Senate debate on her nomination. For a position of such critical importance, this is simply unacceptable.

The head of this State Department bureau is responsible for overseeing a budget of close to \$1 billion and coordinating with private relief groups and other international organizations, including the United Nations, to get adequate food, protection, and other crucial aid to refugee camps. This post has typically been filled by individuals with extensive experience in precisely these areas. Ms. Sauerbrey lacks the credentials and qualifications of her predecessors in this position and, according to the *New York Times*, has "zero experience" in working on these problems.

This bureau currently faces several major challenges, including protecting refugees in the Darfur region of Sudan, and survivors of the Pakistani earthquake. In addition to the humanitarian stakes of these refugee crises, the national security stakes of this job could not be higher; it is no secret that refugee camps are increasingly becoming conduits for recruitment by international terrorist organizations. These high stakes demand our most effective response. I am simply not confident that Ms. Sauerbrey is up to this task.

It is unfortunate that you have neglected the Senate's advice and consent role and installed Ms. Sauerbrey through a recess appointment. I urge you to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama
United States Senator