United States Senate

May 18, 2010

The Honorable John Kerry
Chairman
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
439 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We deeply appreciate your efforts and those of the Committee to hold hearings in order to carefully examine the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.
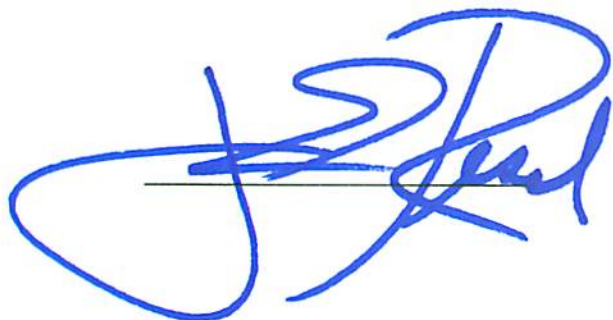
As you know, while the issue of arms control is not a new one, most of us have never had to consider an arms control treaty in the U.S. Senate, and none of us have done so while serving on the Foreign Relations Committee. Given the unique role the Committee plays in consideration of treaties, we were encouraged by your statement that, "the way to ratify it is to fully explain it, vet it, and thoroughly address any kinds of concerns that people may have."

In order to fully understand the provisions of this treaty and its potential impacts on American security and that of our allies and friends, it is necessary to hear from a wide range of witnesses. Below is a list of individuals who are uniquely qualified to address the potential effects of this Treaty. We would appreciate having a majority of them testify to cover the breadth of issues.

- Ambd. John Bolton – Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Gen. Kevin Chilton – Commander, U.S. Strategic Forces Command
- Ambd. Eric Edelman – Fellow, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
- Mr. Brian Green – Former Dep. Asst. Secretary of Defense for Strategic Capabilities
- Dr. Keith Payne – President, National Institute for Public Policy
- Mr. Stephen Rademaker – Former Asst. Secretary of State for Arms Control
- Mr. Dimitri Simes – President, The Nixon Center
- Ambd. Dave Smith – Fellow, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies
- Ambd. James Woolsey – Former Director of Central Intelligence

Thank you for your patience as we analyze this complex Treaty. We appreciate your assistance with this matter and look forward to working with you to schedule these witnesses.

Sincerely,

(signature) Roger Wicker

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(signature) Jim Inhofe

(signature) John Barrasso

(signature) Jim DeMint