## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

June 28, 2005

Ambassador Sergio Vento Embassy of Italy 3000 Whitehaven Street, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20008

Dear Ambassador Vento:

We are writing to express our concern that supporters of terrorist activity are planning to meet on Italian soil in the near future to plan a campaign of financial aid for terrorism. As you may know, members and affiliates of the "Anti-Imperialist Camp" (AIC) are planning to meet in Rome on October 1 and 2, 2005 at an International Conference in Support of the Iraqi Resistance.

We believe the AIC, which serves as a coalition for several groups linked to the regime of Saddam Hussein and the insurgency in Iraq, is part of an international network of terrorist finance that extends from Iraq through Europe. In a September 2003 meeting in Italy, near Assisi, the city forever linked with peace, the "Anti-Imperialist Camp" launched a "Ten Euros for the Iraqi Resistance" campaign that directly funnels aid to areas where insurgent forces are known to operate, including Al Anbar province. This group believes that violence in resistance to the new Iraqi government and its Coalition allies is legitimate, and freely admits their support for using funds to purchase weapons and military supplies.

Based on the published statements of the AIC and others, we believe that their conference in Rome will be used to raise additional funds for terror in Iraq and to coordinate similar efforts across Europe and worldwide.

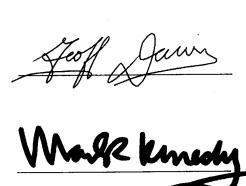
Italy and the United States have a long history of standing for freedom together, from the days of Garibaldi to the Cold War. Today, Americans and Italians are working in Iraq, facing together the perpetual threat of terrorist attack. Please do not let those who hate the courageous efforts of the people of Iraq to achieve democracy and security use Italy as a base for their fundraising campaign. We stand ready to work with our governments to stop the flow of money to terrorists and defend the values we share.

Sincerely,

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