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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to seek your support to recall Congressional leadership to receive briefings and conduct a bipartisan summit on how to deal with the rogue actions of North Korea.

The continued push by North Korea to develop an arsenal of nuclear weapons poses a clear and present danger to the United States, our allies in the Pacific region and the entire world.

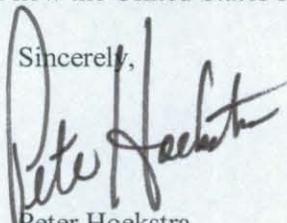
The announced nuclear test conducted yesterday by North Korea risks destabilization in Asia that could lead to a nuclear arms race along the Pacific Rim. Further adding to the threat is North Korea's history of indiscriminate arms sales and weapons transfers that could lead to nuclear weapons technology or devices being transferred to other rogue nations or terrorist groups.

The threats we face from North Korea's provocative acts are too great to be used as fodder for the upcoming elections. America must be united against North Korea's belligerence and in our call for an end to nuclear weapons proliferation around the world. Quite frankly, our nation faces too great a risk from North Korea for this issue to be turned into a partisan, political tool for the benefit of either party.

The world, including China, Russia and even non-U.S. allies like Venezuela, has united against North Korea's attempts at proliferation. With this backdrop, a historic opportunity presents itself to stand united as Americans with the rest of the world against the proliferation of nuclear weapons. We cannot let this moment pass.

Therefore, I am requesting that you convene at the earliest opportunity a meeting in Washington of the bipartisan congressional leadership and appropriate committee chairs for consultations and briefings on this dire security threat and how the United States should address it.

Sincerely,



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