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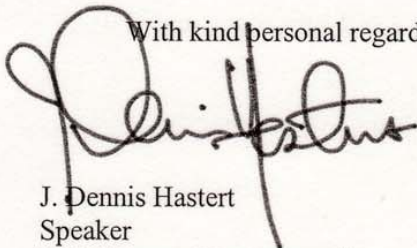
On behalf of the Members of the United States Congress, we wish to extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the 14th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Washington, DC, 1-5 July 2005.

From the outset, Members of the United States Congress have played a leading role in advancing the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act with a particular focus on fundamental freedoms and human rights. We are also mindful that the Parliamentary Assembly was established based on a U.S. proposal to involve parliamentarians from the participating States in the work of the OSCE. From its inception, Members of the United States Congress have contributed to the debates in the OSCE PA on timely issues arising in the human, economic and security dimensions of the OSCE.

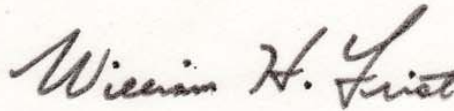
The broad membership and comprehensive agenda of the Parliamentary Assembly make it uniquely positioned to contribute to the advancement of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Accordingly, we look forward to welcoming you and your parliamentary colleagues to our Nation's Capitol in July for what we know will be a meaningful exchange of dialogues. Enclosed is the reservation information which we are certain you will find helpful in planning your visit. Should you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person indicated on the form.

With kind personal regards,



J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives



William H. Frist, M.D.
Majority Leader
United States Senate

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