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Mr. David L. Rosenberg
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Dear Mr. Rosenberg,

It has been a busy Congressional session and in an effort to keep you informed on issues of importance that you have previously contacted me about, I am writing to provide you with an update on the ongoing conflict in Sudan. Like you, this is an issue that I care deeply about.

Devastated by decades of civil war and famine, Sudan is one of the most hostile environments in Africa, and the people of Sudan are among the most in need. More than 2 million people have died in Southern Sudan over the past two decades due to war and famine, and millions have been displaced from their homes. As Americans we can not idly stand by and continue allowing these atrocities to occur. Men, women, and children of every nation should have the opportunity to live in peace.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have seen much progress made, but the crisis is far from over. This week, I cosigned a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urging the State Department to actively pursue resolving the Darfur conflict, and specifically to begin implementing the policy objectives outlined in the Administration's Comprehensive Sudan Strategy, released in October 2009.

I am supportive of the Administration's policy objectives which focus on ending the conflict in Darfur, ensuring that Sudan does not become a safe haven for international terrorism, and implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by the National Congress Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in January 2006. Moving forward with the peace agreement is the key to creating a path for freedom and equality for all Sudanese.

In May 2008, I was honored to have the opportunity to speak to thousands of Pennsylvanians at the Pittsburgh Darfur Rally. I was touched by the display of deep concern for suffering occurring on the other side of the world, a true testament to the humanitarian spirit of the American people. The United States has provided more than \$5 billion in humanitarian and development assistance to Sudan since 2004, including \$169 million in fiscal year 2010, as of January 2010. I am hopeful that the bloodshed and

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starvation will subside in the months and years to come, and I am fully committed to ensuring that Congress does its part in supporting the goals of peace, freedom, and equality for all people of Sudan.

To read the letter sent to Secretary Clinton, please visit my website at <http://murphy.house.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "M" and a long, trailing "y".

Tim Murphy
Member of Congress

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