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Mr. Vladimir Vasiliyev
Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Security, and
Security and Safety Technologies International Forum
1, Okhotny Ryad, Str
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Russian Federation

Dear Chairman Vasiliyev:

Thank you for your letter dated December 1, extending an invitation for me to lead a bipartisan Congressional Delegation to the Security and Safety Technologies International Forum on February 1-4, 2005, in Moscow, Russia. I am also pleased to provide the Keynote Address at the "U.S.-Russia: Experience in Fighting Terrorism Conference" at the Forum on February 1, 2005, at the Crocus Convention Center in Moscow.

As Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and founder of the Congressional Homeland Security Caucus, I am committed to improving all aspects of national security and working towards protecting American citizens, as well as those abroad from the threat of biological, chemical and nuclear attack. The science and technology revolution in which we are now involved offers unprecedented hope and boundless opportunities for developing novel and ground-breaking technology aimed at improving homeland security. The U.S.-Russia Homeland Security Trade Mission provides an extraordinary opportunity to collaborate with experts from the international community whose aim is to provide homeland security solutions.

Members of the U.S. Trade Mission will attend the "U.S.-Russia: Experience in Fighting Terrorism" Conference at the Forum, participate in the U.S. Country Pavilion at the Forum, and attend a VIP reception and dinner at the Kremlin.

I am pleased to be a part of this mission and look forward to working with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CURT WELDON
Member of Congress