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Support for the Programs of the United Nations Needed Now More than Ever

On June 21, 2005, the United States House of Representatives passed House Resolution (HR) 2745, sponsored by Representative Henry Hyde (R-IL), the United Nations Reform Act of 2005. This legislation contains a provision that would allow the United States to withhold up to 50 percent of its contribution to the United Nations unless the international body adopts at least 32 of the proposed 39 reforms. While Zeta Phi Beta is in support of continual reform of the UN, we believe that this will only deprive millions of people that benefit from the UN's work of essential food and health services that they depend on each day.

As a Non-Government Organization affiliated with the UN, Zeta Phi Beta has helped promote the ideals of the UN through extensive international work, particularly in Ghana and South Africa. Zeta Phi Beta's work includes the construction of water wells, distribution of food staples and educational supplies, and the dissemination of HIV/AIDS medical kits impacting the lives of thousands of people in rural villages.

At a time in history when half the world -- nearly three billion people -- live on less than two dollars a day, it is critical that all nations join in support of the United Nations' mission of promotion of higher standards of living and conditions of economic development and social progress.

We urge members of the US Senate to balance the need for reform with continued support of the UN and the world's poor.

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