



May 2, 2005

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Voinovich,

We are writing to you as fellow Americans of Croatian descent to express our frustration and concern regarding your position on the nomination of John Bolton to be United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

For the past 15 years, the Croatian American Association has been a non-partisan organization working for the preservation of Croatian culture and the fair treatment of Croats worldwide. During that time our members and representatives have closely observed the operations of the United Nations during the disintegration of Yugoslavia and its aftermath. It is our view that the inherent incompetence of the UN during operations in Croatia and Bosnia Hercegovina resulted in the suffering, death and displacement of many thousands of innocent people and prolonged one of the most brutal episodes of the century. Not only did the UN fail to stop the genocide in Bosnia, it has done everything possible to preserve the territorial gains of murderers presently congregated under the flag of the so-called Rpublika Srpska.

The UN record in disintegrating Yugoslavia is not the exception, but the rule. We need to look no further than today's news about the Sudan to confirm that fact. The UN is a highly political body badly in need of structural reform and financial accountability. We strongly believe that John Bolton is the right man to ensure those changes.

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It is the view of the Croatian American Association that your conscience presently reflects a political morality driven by partisan passions, rather than any clear and objective moral concern about Bolton's suitability to represent U.S. interests to the UN.

Indeed, the irony is that while you help continue this campaign to block Bolton's appointment, the Secretary General of the UN has not questioned Bolton's credentials or character, and has instead, focused his attention on the reform of the United Nations, a long overdue and clearly needed effort that you seem to refuse to acknowledge or discuss.

We urge you to reconsider your position and help move the Bolton nomination to the floor for a vote.

For the members and the executive board, I am sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Rudman".

George Rudman
President, the Croatian American Association