

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 27, 2006

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

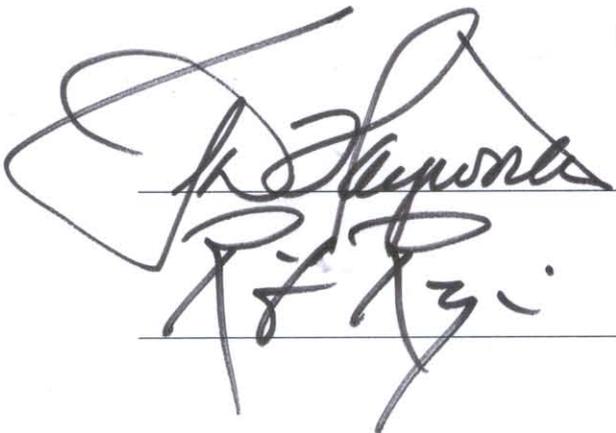
We are writing to ask you to use your authority to rescind the congressional press credentials of the *New York Times*. This request does not come lightly, but in response to the *Times*' decision to repeatedly publish information detrimental to our national security.

Most recently the *Times* revealed the existence of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program ["Bank Data Is Sifted by U.S. in Secret to Block Terror." 06.23.06], an aggressive and classified effort to track terrorist networks through the use of international financial records. The *Times* published critical information regarding this program, instituted following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, despite numerous requests from the Bush Administration and Members of Congress not to go forward.

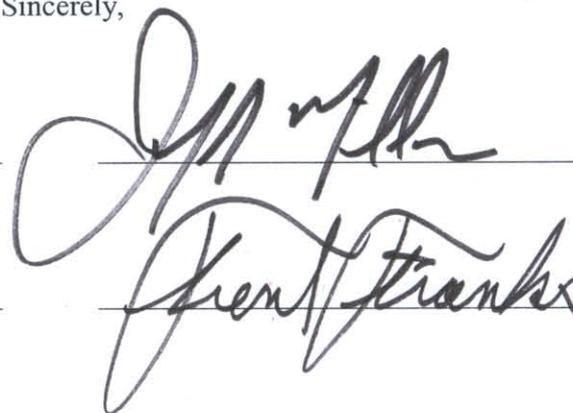
Each of us swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, which includes the power of a free press. We also believe that this power comes with great responsibility, especially in wartime when the lives of millions of Americans are at stake. We believe that this power was abused by the *New York Times* for the most cynical of reasons: to end American involvement in Iraq no matter the long term cost in lives and national security.

Times Editor Bill Keller called the decision to reveal the existence of the terrorist tracking program a "hard call," but went ahead and made it anyway. We disagree. It was not a "hard call" – it was the wrong call and the *Times* should be penalized for it.

Sincerely,



R. F. Fitz



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