

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 10, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid,

In today's *New York Times*, the advocacy group Moveon.org ran an advertisement that is nothing short of outrageous. Titled "General Petraeus or General Betray Us? Cooking the Books for the White House?" the ad impugns General David Petraeus' wisdom, independence of thought, and decades of honorable service.

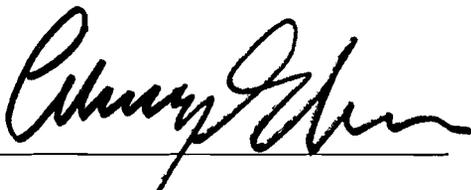
The advertisement, which concludes, "Today, before Congress and before the American people, General Petraeus is likely to become General Betray Us," brings the debate over the war in Iraq to a new low. The future of America's involvement there is of paramount importance to our country and, while we believe fervently in the right of free speech, we also believe that it is possible and proper to conduct this debate without besmirching our brave men and women in uniform.

The ad is distasteful and frankly, below the level of respect that America's commanding general in Iraq has earned. No matter whether any senator supports or opposes the war in Iraq, we should all voice recognition and appreciation of General Petraeus' long and distinguished record of service to our country.

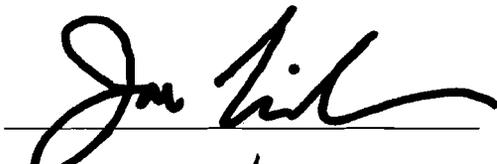
Senator Reid, please join us in making it clear that you do not share the views of Moveon.org, and that you will not join Moveon.org in attacking the character of this fine officer. It is important that all officials in positions of responsibility speak out and defend General Petraeus as the honest and honorable military leader he is. From his years of service to our country and the important position he currently holds, he has certainly earned it.

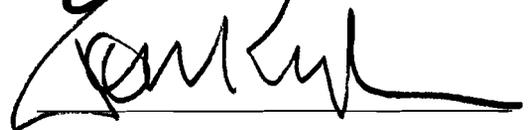
Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,









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