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The Honorable John Bolton
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
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Dear Ambassador Bolton:

It has come to my attention that, on the Fourth of July of this year, the United Nations plans to hold a conference where they will be promoting an international treaty designed to strip U.S. citizens of the right guaranteed by the second amendment to the constitution of these United States.

This seriously concerns me, because I am strongly of the opinion that this amendment serves both as a check on government overstepping it's bounds and a protection against foreign invasion. What country would dare invade our great nation when there are so many firearms (more firearms than citizens, I'd expect) and citizens who know how to use them? They would be met by unorganized militia every step of the way. Furthermore, what elected government would be foolish enough to go too far when they could be deposed by sufficient numbers of armed citizenry. This is why our system works - say what you may about the various parties and their agendas, but realistically, we find a great deal of common ground, because the lunatic fringe simply can't rule. First, they wouldn't get elected, and second, they would be removed as soon as people cried foul.

Additionally, I think that the scheduling of this conference is designed to be an affront to the American people. Such a conference is bad enough - choosing the anniversary of the founding of our nation is just twisting the knife. I feel that this is deliberate, and therefore I feel that the U.N. is starting to bite the hand that feeds them. Couple this with their complete lack of action on recent issues (Iraq, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Korea, etc.), and I feel that:

- The U.N. has worn out it's welcome, and their headquarters should be evicted from the great city of New York.
- The U.S. should drastically cut back both fiscal and military support of the United Nations - at best it is merely not benefiting us given that we need to act unilaterally anyway, and, at worst, the U.N. is serving to actively subvert the U.S. Constitution.

Either way, it is a poor return on investment.

Finally, I have to say that I am a little annoyed by third-world fascist dictators and warlords thinking that they can tell us how to run our country. With very few exceptions, we are now one of the oldest governments in the world; just about everyone else has had a revolution or two in our 230 years of existence. So, where do they get off telling us what rights to give our citizens?

In closing, I very much appreciate your time, and I sincerely hope that you do everything you can to stop this conference or, at the very least, make as uncomfortable for them as you can.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew Caron