



Dear _____,

Supporters of Jubilee USA, allied with the ONE campaign to make poverty history, would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the introduction of a companion measure to H.R. 2634, the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007. **insert a 1 sentence description of the group here & say how many people are interested in attending the meeting -- also good to mention if any "higher profile" people will be joining you, like faculty, clergy, etc., if it's all students say that too, etc.**

We are available to meet with you at your convenience, and hope to find a time that might work with your schedule during **time frame here.**

The Jubilee Act safeguards the gains made by debt cancellation to date and expands eligibility for cancellation to countries that need it to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It was introduced into the House of Representatives by Representatives Waters and Bachus last month.

Debt cancellation is critical to poverty reduction around the world. The Jubilee Act would provide cancellation for up to 27 additional low-income countries that require debt cancellation in order to meet the MDGs, provided that they demonstrate their ability to use the money to fight poverty and provide an annual report detailing the use of the funds on poverty reduction.

Moreover, the IMF and World Bank continue to urge impoverished nations to adopt policies which undermine the benefits of debt cancellation and hurt the poor. Today IMF/World Bank conditions are holding up much needed debt cancellation for eligible countries including Haiti and Liberia. The Jubilee Act would prohibit harmful economic policy conditions which are attached to current debt cancellation programs, including privatization of essential services and liberalization of trade in sensitive sectors.

Finally, in order to prevent a continual and wasteful debt/forgiveness cycle, it is essential to establish a framework for responsible and transparent lending in the future. The Jubilee Act calls for the development of responsible financing standards where creditors and aid/loan recipients alike adhere to standards to assure transparency and accountability to citizens and human rights.

Thank you for considering our request for a meeting. I can be reached at **insert your contact info here.** We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Jubilee USA is a network of local congregations and more 80 religious denominations, faith-based networks, development and community organizations in the US, including Sojourners, Action Aid International, and World Vision. Jubilee USA also partners on efforts to fight global poverty as a member of the ONE Campaign. Jubilee USA is part the global Jubilee network, with grassroots networks in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe

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We appreciate your clear support for debt cancellation for impoverished countries and your recent statement in Vanity Fair on the subject. We know that you understand how important debt cancellation is to poverty reduction around the world. The Jubilee Act would provide cancellation for up to 27 additional low-income countries that require debt cancellation in order to meet the MDGs, provided that they demonstrate their ability to use the money to fight poverty and provide an annual report detailing the use of the funds on poverty reduction.

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