

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 27, 2007

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

We are writing to follow up on the February 6, 2007, and May 4, 2007, letters signed by numerous Members of the House of Representatives regarding the inclusion of Greece in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

As those letters stated, Greece, the only European Union Schengen member state not participating in the VWP, has met the current criteria for the program. H.R. 2526, which was introduced on May 24, 2007, would designate Greece as a program country for the purposes of the VWP. A copy of the bill and the list of thirty-nine cosponsors are attached.

We believe that the continuing delay in the assessment of Greece's eligibility for the VWP is unjustified in light of Greece's unique situation. Therefore, we strongly urge the Department of State to proceed with the formal nomination of Greece for entry in the VWP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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