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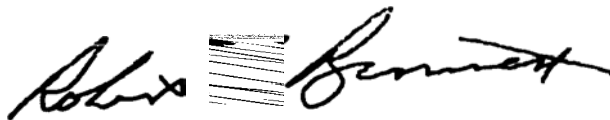
Salt Lake City, UT

Thank you for your letter regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC). I appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

I believe American military personnel should not have to be held accountable to the ICC. In light of America's prominent role in world politics and the thousands of deployed military personnel across the globe, there are those that resent our presence and would make false and politicized accusations against our citizens. In light of the numerous concerns about U.S. participation in an ICC, President Bush notified the secretary general of the United Nations on May 6, 2002, that the United States was formally withdrawing from the treaty signed by former President Clinton in 2000. President Bush further stated that the United States will therefore no longer be "bound in any way to its [the treaty's] purpose and objective." I support President Bush's decision in this regard and I intend to continue working with my Senate colleagues to protect our servicemembers from ICC prosecution.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Bennett". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized graphic of the American flag.

Robert F. Bennett
United States Senator

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