

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The Honorable John Bolton
United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations
New York City, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I appreciate the opportunity to join with others who are gathered together for this special occasion to honor you and recognize your efforts to advance freedom in Lebanon.

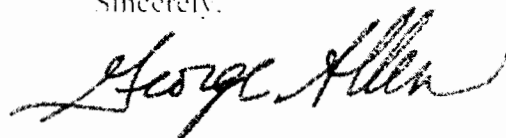
During your tenure as United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), you have proved to be a strong leader who is willing to hold the United Nations accountable for its actions and activities. You also understand that the mission of spreading the lamp of liberty throughout the world requires both prudence and perseverance.

One focus of your efforts has been the promotion of Lebanese independence. The UN Security Council's Resolution 1559, declaring its support for a Lebanese election that was free, fair and devoid of foreign interference, and the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, have instilled in the Lebanese people confidence, pride and hope for the future. You recognize, however, that there is much more work to be done to ensure the independence and stability of Lebanon. I appreciate your undying commitment to advancing freedom in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East.

Ambassador Bolton, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your service to our nation. We are fortunate to have such a wise, courageous, principled and forward-thinking individual serving in this exceedingly challenging and often frustrating position. I extend to you and to everyone gathered here today my best wishes for your important endeavors. Until we meet on the trail ahead, stand strong for freedom!

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,



George Allen