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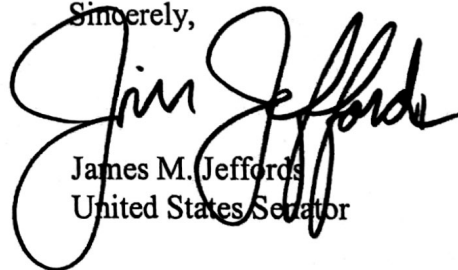
The Honorable Trent Lott  
Majority Leader  
S-230 Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lott:

I am writing to you, Vice President Cheney and Senator Daschle, to inform you of my decision to become an Independent and caucus with the Senate's Democrats for organizational purposes once the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836 is transmitted to President George Bush for his signature.

My change in affiliation is to become effective at the close of business on either the first day of session following the upcoming Memorial Day recess, or the close of business on the date of such transmittal, whichever occurs later. I hope it will assist the Senate if the recess is available to the Leaders to discuss and decide the numerous transition issues the Senate will face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Jeffords", written over the typed name and title.

James M. Jeffords  
United States Senator