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- ♦ Fully fund the President's \$58.8 billion request for the FY11 International Affairs Budget.
- ♦ Sign onto the bipartisan letter led by Senators John Kerry (D-MA), Richard Lugar (R-IN), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Christopher Bond (R-MO), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA).

### Talking Points:

- 1. Funds Smart Power Tools.** The International Affairs Budget funds America's "smart power" tools of diplomacy and development – two of the three pillars of U.S. national security. All former [Secretaries of State](#) support fully funding America's priorities overseas.
- 2. Part of National Security Funding.** Similar to the Bush Administration, the Obama Administration has designated the International Affairs Budget as part of national security funding, along with the Pentagon, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. [Secretary of Defense Gates](#), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff [Admiral Michael Mullen](#), and [dozens of retired military leaders](#) support increased investments in development and diplomacy.
- 3. Key to Jobs and Economic Growth.** America's economy is closely linked with global trade. Over the past 40 years, trade has tripled as a share of our national economy. Today, 1 out of 5 American jobs are tied to international trade. Export promotion programs funded by the International Affairs Budget are essential to expanding U.S. trade in these emerging markets and are indispensable to reaching President Obama's goal of doubling exports within five years.
- 4. Promoting Our Humanitarian Values.** The International Affairs Budget demonstrates our compassion for those in need around the world. We have a proud history of bringing hope to millions of people who live under oppressive poverty, face starvation, battle HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Strong U.S. support for these life-saving programs helps foster a healthier, more peaceful world and leverage significant private contributions.
- 5. Just 1.4% of the Budget.** The \$58.8 billion FY11 International Affairs Budget request represents only 1.4% of the total FY11 Budget. The entire increase of \$6.1 billion for the International Affairs Budget represents 0.16% of the overall FY11 Budget request.
- 6. 60% of Budget Increase is War-related.** Of the proposed \$6.1 billion increase for the International Affairs Budget, \$3.6 billion or 59% of the increase is devoted to the "Frontline States" of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq.
- 7. Factoring in the Haiti and "Frontline States" Supplemental requests, the FY11 Request is Not An Increase.** Assuming enactment of the \$4.5 billion supplemental request for International Affairs spending for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq and the \$1.9 billion for Haiti, the FY 2011 budget request is actually 0.5% below the FY 2010 enacted total.