



# America doesn't have to meet these threats alone

The world is facing serious and dangerous threats in places like North Korea, Iran, and Sudan. America alone doesn't have to take all the risk and pay all the bills to confront these threats. We need a strong and effective United Nations to help shoulder the burden.

Yet just when we want the UN to do more to protect our interests, Congress is threatening to provide less. The House of Representatives passed legislation that would automatically withhold U.S. dues to the UN, seriously undermining the UN's ability to do its job and put in place reforms to improve effectiveness and accountability. Now, the Senate is preparing to act.

President Bush urged Congress to vote against withholding, warning it will undermine U.S. reform efforts and influence at the UN and our national security interests. A bipartisan group of eight former U.S. Ambassadors to the UN agreed.

We made a promise, written into law, to pay our dues. We should honor our commitment and provide leadership on UN reform so we have an effective United Nations, with the support of all nations, working to make the world safer and more secure.

Great nations pay their dues