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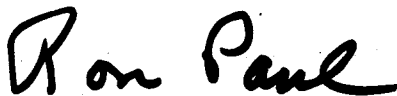
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a statement in support of your very important work to protect our sovereignty and prevent efforts to further integrate the United States into a planned union with Mexico and Canada. I have long been a champion of US sovereignty and in each new Congress I introduce the bill HR 1146 to get the United States out of the United Nations.

As we all know, there have been significant moves recently to expand the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) initiated by President Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts in 2005. One such plan is to construct a so-called "NAFTA Superhighway" running from Mexico, through Texas, and up eventually into Canada. I have opposed this project from the beginning, signing on as a co-sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 40 expressing Congressional disapproval of the NAFTA Superhighway and any moves toward a North American Union.

More recently I introduced an even stronger piece of legislation, H.R.5191, which would prohibit the use of federal funds to carry out this highway project. The federal government has no business being partner to this outrageous plan, according to which countless landowners would have their private property confiscated under eminent domain. This prohibition of funds, if passed, would go a long way toward derailing this ill-conceived project and would send a clear message that further attempts to undermine US sovereignty would not be unchallenged in Congress. It is long past time the United States House and Senate start taking our Constitutional oversight roles seriously.

Thank you again for the opportunity to add a couple of thoughts to your important event. I commend you for your efforts and join you in your strident defense of US sovereignty.



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