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EXHIBIT 4

APPROVE THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION,

Washington, DC, September 3, 1996.

DEAR SENATOR: We urge the Senate to approve the Chemical Weapons Convention when it comes to a vote in September.

The Convention, negotiated and signed by former President George Bush, is one of the most significant treaties in the history of arms control. It will ban an entire class of weapons of mass destruction, including production, possession, transfer or use of chemical weapons. It will require all parties to destroy their chemical weapons stockpiles and production facilities and to open their chemical industries to international inspection.

The Chemical Weapons Convention is a valuable instrument for combating the spread of weapons of terror and mass destruction. The treaty's destruction and verification provision can build confidence

among potential rivals that they can avoid a chemical arms race. It will also help keep these weapons out of the hands of terrorists.

The United States chemical industry strongly supports the Convention. The Pentagon strongly supports the agreement as well. It is most certainly in both the national and international interest to achieve the global elimination of a class of weapons that have proved more dangerous to innocent civilians than to military forces.

By its terms, the Convention enters into force 180 days after the 65th state has deposited its instruments of ratification with the U.N. Secretary General. Sixty-one countries have ratified the Convention at this point. Timely action by the Senate will send a clear signal of strong U.S. support, allowing the United States to exert its full leadership in persuading other countries to ratify.

We urge the Senate to approve as quickly as possible the Chemical Weapons Convention, to oppose crippling reservations or amendments, and at the same time move ahead with elimination of these heinous weapons from our arsenal.

Yours sincerely,

John B. Anderson, President, World Federalist Association.

Fr. Robert J. Brooks, Director of Government Relations, The Episcopal Church.

Mark B. Brown, Assistant Director for Advocacy, Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

J. Daryl Byler, Director, Washington Office, Mennonite Central Committee.

Robin Caiola, Co-Director, 20/20 Vision National Project.

Becky Cain, President, League of Women Voters.

Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Director of the Office of International Peace and Justice, United States Catholic Conference.

Nancy Chupp, Legislative Director, Church Women United.

Gordon Clark, Executive Director, Peace Action.

Tom Clements, Senior Campaigner, International Nuclear Campaign, Greenpeace.

Thomas B. Cochran, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council.

David Culp, Legislative Correspondent, Plutonium Challenge.

Johathan Dean, Adviser for International Security, Union of Concerned Scientists.

Ralph DeGennaro, Co-Director, Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary, United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

Jerry Genesis, Executive Director, Veterans for Peace.

Stephen Goose, Program Director, Human Rights Watch, Arms Project.

Bruce Hall, Nuclear Disarmament Campaigner, Greenpeace, USA.

Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace With Justice.

John Isaacs, President, Council for a Livable World.

Amy Isaacs, National Director, Americans for Democratic Action.

Elenora Giddings Ivory, Director, Washington Office, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Wayne Jaquith, President, Public Education Center.

Spurgeon M. Keeny, Jr., President, Arms Control Association.

Michael Krepon, President, Stimson Center.

Ambassador James Leonard, Former U.S. Disarmament Negotiator.

Jay Lintner, Director, Washington Office, United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society.

James Matlack, Director, Washington Office, American Friends Service Committee.

Lindsay Mattison, Executive Director, International Center.

Timothy A. McElwee, Director, Church of the Brethren, Washington Office.

Matthew Meselson, Professor of Molecular Biology, Harvard University.

Terence W. Miller, Director, Maryknoll Justice & Peace Office.

Bobby Muller, President, Vietnam Veterans of American Foundation.

Robert K. Musil, Executive Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Maurice Paprin, President, Fund for New Priorities in America.

Albert M. Pennybacker, Director, Washington Office National Council of Churches.

Ann Rhee, Office of Public Policy, United Methodist Church, Women's Division.

Rev. Meg Riley, Director, Washington Office for Faith in Action, Unitarian Universalist Association.

Caleb Rossiter, Director, Demilitarization for Democracy.

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism.

Mark P. Schlefer, President, Lawyers Alliance for World Security, Committee for National Security.

Vice Admiral John Shanahan, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Director, Center for Defense Information.

Susan Shaer, Executive Director, Women's Action for New Directions.

Alice Slater, Executive Director, Economists Allied for Arms Reductions.

Amy E. Smithson, Senior Associate, CWC Implementation Project, The Henry L. Stimson Center.

Jeremy J. Stone, President, Federation of American Scientists.

Kathy Thornton, RSM, National Coordinator, Network: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

Kay van der Horst, Director, CTA/Bellona Foundation USA.

Edith Villastrigo, Legislative Director, Women Strike for Peace.

Ross Vincent, Chair, Environmental Quality Strategy Team, Sierra Club.

Joe Volk, Executive Secretary, Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Frank Von Hippel, Princeton University.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:44 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment

S. 1669. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans' Affairs Medical Center.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3539. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3863. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit lenders under the unsubsidized Federal Family Education Loan program to pay origination fee on behalf of borrowers.

The Message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3666) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WALSH, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. STOKES, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. CHAPMAN, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. OBEY as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2202) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. BONO, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. JACOBS as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 1:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1642) to extend nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of Cambodia, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1669. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

H.R. 1642. An act to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3230. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activi-

ties of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated.

H.R. 3863. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit lenders under the unsubsidized Federal Family Education Loan program to pay origination fee on behalf of borrowers; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 3539. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4043. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4044. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals' management in the U.S. Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding Alaska occupancy and use (RIN 1004-AC90) received on September 6, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4045. A communication from the acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska (RIN 1018-AD2) received on September 9, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4046. A communication from the Director of the Office of Service Mining, U.S. Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Alaska Regulatory Program; Final rule, approval of amendment," (received on September 10, 1996); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4047. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Importation of Fruits & Vegetables," received on September 10, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4048. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Corn Cyst Nematode," received on September 10,

1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4049. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning fisheries of the exclusive economic zone off Alaska (received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4050. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Director for Fisheries in the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning fisheries of the Northeastern United States (RIN 0648-AJ07) received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4051. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning fisheries of the exclusive economic zone off Alaska (received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4052. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific (received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4053. A communication from the Secretary of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding a rule with respect to the standard for flammability of children's sleepwear (received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4054. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations," (received on September 11, 1996); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4055. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including one entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Washington; Revision to the State Implementation Plan Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs," (FRL5608-7, 5550-7) received on September 10, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4056. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, draft legislation regarding flood damage reduction at Cape Girardeau; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the Bayou Lafourche Jump Waterway, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, draft legislation regarding deep-draft navigation at San Juan Harbor, Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4059. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding