

FREE SOUTH AFRICA MOVEMENT

National Mobilization to End Apartheid

Office of the Executive Director
TransAfrica

Confidential Alert

Dear Friend of A Free South Africa,

I'm writing to ask for your immediate help in our National Mobilization to End Apartheid -- an all-out drive on our part to win prompt passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act Amendments of 1988.

Thanks to the generous support and commitment of people like you, our recent nationwide citizen petition campaign to House members has had a decisive impact -- the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Banking Committee have favorably reported out a bill that would impose the strongest economic sanctions on South Africa ever considered by Congress!

A full vote on the House floor is expected any day now. And passage seems certain!

BUT ... before these sanctions can become law, a similar bill must pass through the Senate. And there we face a very tough uphill fight.

We simply must win! And that's why I'm asking you to take two critical steps today. First, complete, sign and return to me the two enclosed petitions for presentation to your senators. And second, please rush your generous contribution to help win this fight back to TransAfrica today.

This legislation, which TransAfrica played a major role in crafting, can be a giant -- indeed a decisive -- step in ending the oppression and horror of apartheid in South Africa.

This new bill (Senate Bill 2378) dramatically strengthens the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 -- which Congress passed by overriding President Reagan's veto. And it will have an enormous impact, because it will ...

** Prohibit any American citizen or corporation from making or holding any investment in South Africa.

** Bar the import of any article grown, manufactured or produced in South Africa,

including diamonds. The only exception is strategic minerals.

- ** Prohibit any U.S. goods or technology from being exported to South Africa -- including nuclear materials or assistance.
- ** Prohibit South African aircraft from landing in this country.
- ** Prohibit the import of Krugerrands or any other gold coins minted in South Africa into this country.
- ** And, even more importantly, it would prohibit U.S. military or intelligence services from engaging in any form of cooperation -- directly or indirectly -- with the South African government.

Aside from these strong sanctions, passage of this bill will also prompt other Western powers to impose stronger sanctions. And that is of paramount importance. Because the combined impact of multiple sanctions from America, Great Britain, Germany, and Japan will spur the Botha regime to move more quickly to end the vicious system of apartheid.

Because this legislation can deal such a tremendous blow against apartheid, right-wing opposition to it will be tremendous! We must prevail against the barriers of institutional racism represented by Jesse Helms and other staunch conservatives who will fight tooth and nail against any move towards racial equality.

That's why your strong participation -- along with that of every American who abhors the immorality of racism and apartheid -- is so critical in this all-out fight to win Senate passage of this legislation.

Only with the help of every Friend of a Free South Africa can we mobilize all Americans of good will to join us in this battle. REMEMBER: the Senate has only a narrow Democratic majority. Therefore, we must overcome the resistance of key Senate Republicans who are inclined to back the President's policies in this election year.

To accomplish that, and win Senate passage of this legislation, we must quickly reach millions of Americans with a hard-hitting political message about the urgent need for passage of this sanctions legislation.

We must show compassionate, concerned Americas -- who

also detest apartheid but have perhaps never spoken out against it -- that they must do so now by writing or calling their Senators and urging them to vote for these sanctions.

That's why in the next few weeks we will accelerate our National Mobilization to End Apartheid Campaign with a dramatic full-page ad in the New York Times.

And if resources permit, we will also run the ad in other newspapers as well. We will target Republican senators -- those who are undecided or might be convinced to break from their party's stand -- by placing full-page ads in the home state newspapers of Senators Lugar, Kassebaum, Chafee, Danforth, Heinz, Specter, Cohen, D'Amato, and Durenberger.

These ads are certain to have a telling impact -- especially in a national election year. Because adding to their political clout will be a long list of respected labor unions, religious groups and civic organizations who have joined us in our compelling call for passage of The Anti-Apartheid Act Amendments of 1988.

These ads are absolutely essential because far too many Americans naively assume that with Congress' passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, "we've already done all we can." This is not true because President Reagan has used many loopholes within the 1986 legislation to perpetuate U.S. government support for the Botha regime.

When I testified in favor of this legislation before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on June 23, I said that the people of America are tired of waiting. Tired of empty promises. And I wanted the Committee members to know that we are going directly to the American people with newsprint ads like the one in the New York Times -- and that very soon citizens throughout our nation will be flooding the Senate offices with the demand for action.

We expect to get the legislation out of committee soon. Although it will be a hard fight, I believe that with your strong support, we can win!

With massive grassroots support, we can insist that our elected members of the U.S. Senate stand accountable to the wishes of the majority of Americans. And pass tougher U.S. government sanctions against South Africa that will lead the way towards strong global sanctions.

We know that even the most stubborn authoritarian regimes aren't immune from world opinion and trade embargoes. To survive, South Africa must be able to sell

its diamonds, gold and other products to America. So if we cut off all trade with South Africa, we can remove the underlying economic motivations for the continuation of apartheid.

We must make the economic pressure so acute and persistent that the Botha regime will be brought to the negotiating table. And finally understand that ending apartheid peacefully is the only way to save that nation from economic collapse and avert a violent, prolonged civil war.

That is why our National Mobilization to End Apartheid is one of the most critical campaigns in our history.

It will require each of us to make an extra all-out effort. And that's why I urge you to support this critical campaign today.

We must all do our utmost. No one of good conscience can sit back now. It is imperative each of us do whatever we can to help bring about a peaceful transition to majority rule in South Africa. Only steadily tightening the economic noose around the racist Botha regime will end apartheid.

And the momentum for that critical economic pressure rides on our winning prompt passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1988.

I refuse, and I'm confident that you too will refuse, to stand by and condemn 27 million black South Africans to continued slavery in their own land. Or to force them into venting their frustration through a devastating civil war of worldwide consequence.

Because of the critical importance of this battle, I fervently hope you will decide to play a key role in in our campaign.

Again, thank you for your continuing participation in the moral struggle to end apartheid.

For a Free South Africa,



Randall Robinson
Executive Director

P.S. You can help us launch our campaign for Senate passage of this crucial sanctions legislation by signing and returning to me the enclosed petitions to your two Senators. We all must speak up now! Thank you.

To help win passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act Amendments of 1988 in the U.S. Senate as the next step towards abolishing apartheid forever, I've signed my petitions to my two Senators and I'm returning them to you along with my special contribution for:

☐ \$20☐ \$30☐ \$40☐ Other \$ _____

Please make your check payable to TransAfrica and return it with this form in the enclosed prepaid envelope to P.O. Box 96053, Washington, D.C. 20077-7610. Contributions to TransAfrica are not tax-deductible.

Please return the signed petitions along with your contribution.
Thank you.

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Dear Senator Biden,

As a registered voter in your state, I urge you to support and vote for the economic sanctions legislation, Senate Bill # 2378. I also ask that you urge your Senate colleagues to join you in winning passage of this urgently needed bill. As a world leader with many import, export, military and intelligence ties to South Africa, the United States government *must take moral responsibility and leadership for helping to end the vicious system of apartheid*. Our government must commit itself now to unequivocal policies that will help bring about democratic rule for the oppressed people of South Africa.

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Dear Senator Thurmond,

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