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Ms. Jonna Bianco  
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Dear Ms. Bianco:

I am writing to invite you to testify before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, at a hearing entitled, "Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors," to be held on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will examine the role of the U.S. Government in aiding American businesses and investors abroad that are involved in commercial and other business or investment disputes, especially in countries where little or no effective legal recourse is available.

Given your expertise and experience, we would like you to discuss the following: your experiences (or the experiences of those you represent) doing business or investing overseas; your impression of the effectiveness of U.S. Government assistance available to help American investors and businesspeople who are involved in disputes overseas or with a foreign government; the need for better coordination among government agencies to address grievances in commercial, other business or investment disputes; and the additional services or advocacy various agencies could or should offer for beleaguered American firms and investors. The subcommittee would also like an assessment of how effectively the United States Government, which often encourages businesses and investors to seek opportunities abroad, provides warnings of the risks of doing business overseas.

Enclosed are the Committee's instructions for hearing witnesses. Please submit your biography and written testimony electronically to [john.brodtk@mail.house.gov](mailto:john.brodtk@mail.house.gov) no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact John Brodtke of the Subcommittee staff at 202-226-1500.

Sincerely,



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