

January 17, 2006

Representative Bob Ney, Chairman
Joint Committee on the Library
1309 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Ney:

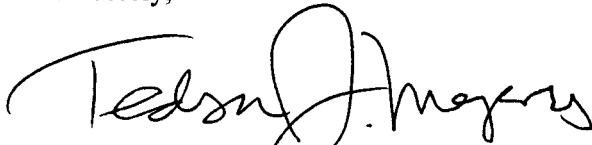
I am Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, and I write to you today on behalf of the more than 400,000 members of the American Bar Association to respectfully request that the Joint Committee on the Library provide authorization for the Law Library of Congress to make its World Law Bulletin publicly available.

The World Law Bulletin is a monthly publication of the Law Library of Congress, providing an unparalleled survey of legal developments abroad, along with focused analyses on topics of special interest. It is based entirely on open, published sources and while it reflects the expertise of its authors, the World Law Bulletin has no advisory content and therefore would not inappropriately implicate congressional deliberations in any way.

The American Bar Association together with the American Association of Law Libraries has long supported the mission of the Library of Congress and the Law Library of Congress. We believe that making this exceptional congressional resource available to the interested public would demonstrate the critical importance of the Law Library in today's world, and advance the understanding and appreciation for the rule of law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tedson J. Meyers

cc: Sen. Ted Stevens, Vice Chair
Sen. Thad Cochran
Sen. Trent Lott
Sen. Christopher Dodd
Sen. Charles Schumer

Rep. Vernon Ehlers
Rep. Candice Miller
Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald
Rep. Zoe Lofgren