

January 26, 2009

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
361-A Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

Let it be known that we, the undersigned conservatives, oppose the confirmations of Timothy Geithner as Secretary of Treasury and Eric Holder as Attorney General based on ethical and philosophical grounds.

We urge you and all Republican members of the Senate to vote against their confirmation.

While we know many Republicans in Congress are eager to cast non-controversial votes, we want to make it clear that we intend to reestablish principled conservatism as a political force in America.

We are conservatives first, Republicans second. In the last few years, it has become difficult to recognize the difference between modern Republicans and Democrats.

And while we expect some in your caucus to vote for all or some of these individuals, we pledge to make our displeasure known to conservatives in each of their states and across the nation if they do so.

It is galling that Republican Senators do not oppose the hypocrisy of Timothy Geithner, who has avoided paying income tax but as Secretary of the Treasury, will oversee the Internal Revenue Service. There should not be one set rules for the elites and another for everyone else.

This is a seminal moment for the GOP. Will it continue as the party of George Bush, or will it return to its populist roots of Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater? The choice is clear and simple.

We suggest that members of your conference examine what it means to be a Republican and do the right thing--Vote against the confirmation of these three men.

Sincerely,