

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 26, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

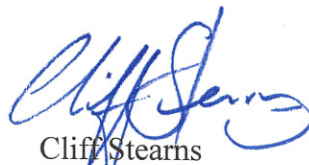
Congratulations on your receipt of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Peace Prize is a great honor and with it comes great responsibility, not only abroad but at home as well. While I am sure you are already aware of this requirement, I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to follow in the footsteps of a great American President and one of the first recipients of a Nobel Peace Prize, Theodore Roosevelt, and fulfill your Constitutional obligation to obtain Congress' consent before formally accepting the Nobel Prize.

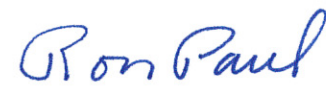
Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution clearly states: "no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state." As the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by a committee appointed by the Parliament of Norway, the Storting, the prize is clearly subject to the requirements set forth in Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution. Obtaining permission from Congress should be straightforward.

President Theodore Roosevelt created a committee, including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and several Cabinet Secretaries, to hold the money in trust until after he left office. He then sought the consent of Congress to disburse the money to various charities. President Roosevelt rightfully complied with the requirements set forth in the Constitution and acted in a manner becoming of the office of the President of the United States of America. I trust you will do the same.

Sincerely:


Ginny Brown-Waite
Member of Congress


Cliff Stearns
Member of Congress


Ron Paul
Member of Congress