I am writing to urge your committee to recommend that the new nation of East Timor receive its fair share of profits from the Greater Sunrise field. I understand that currently the Aust government wants to keep 80% of the profits. Yet if East Timor were to insist on its rights under international law, this situation would be reversed. The more generous Australia is now to East Timor, the less East Timorese will need to rely on Australian aid in the future.

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