

# IT'S TIME TO END THE WAR IN IRAQ

*The continued American occupation is only fueling the insurgency and destabilizing Iraqi society. Ongoing military action in Iraq is causing mounting Iraqi casualties each day, alienating potential allies and spurring stronger resentment of the U.S. To rebuild the Iraqi people's confidence in their nation's security forces and its fledgling democracy – and to save the lives of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi civilians – **we must end the military occupation now.***

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## The Mounting Costs

The war in Iraq has **claimed the lives of 3363 American troops**, with **over 26,188 wounded\*\*** and a casualty rate that climbs each day. The prestigious British medical journal, *The Lancet*, estimates that **Iraq has already suffered 655,000 “excess deaths”** since the 2003 U.S. invasion. Additionally the Congressional Research Service predicts that the U.S. will have spent **\$564 billion** on the war in Iraq by September 2007.\*\*\*

## Support Our Troops - Bring Them Home

Ending the U.S. military occupation of Iraq is essential to quelling the violence in Iraq and truly supporting our troops. This disastrous war has torn apart the families and communities of fallen and wounded service members. Thousands of young men and women in the U.S. military are sustaining permanent physical and mental damage as a result of the realities encountered in Iraq.

Many military families and recent vets returning from Iraq are speaking out against the war and their message has been clear: we can best **support the troops by bringing them home now.**



## Volunteer Military?

Often lured by the deceptive promises of aggressive military recruiters, an **“economic draft”** has unfairly burdened many of our nation's most vulnerable youth with fighting this war and enduring the long-term fallout of joblessness and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder already facing many Iraq

and Afghanistan vets. Returning soldiers and their families face re-deployment and, **due to “stop loss” policies, numerous troops have already had their service involuntarily extended.**

## Provoking Resistance and International Scorn

Not only is **our military stretched too thin** to sustain the occupation of Iraq, but many experts - and 69% of the Iraqi population \*\*\*\* - agree that our troops' continued presence in Iraq only makes the situation worse, **fueling the violence and insurgency.**

The United States' illegal war of aggression on Iraq has **damaged our relationships around the world**, destroyed American credibility and deeply undermined the United Nations. Throughout the Middle East, and around the world, the occupation of Iraq has only further fueled resentment of and violence against the U.S.

We must seek a new path in our dealings with Iraq, one that relies on international cooperation to meet the needs of the Iraqi people, and that encourages a stable, sovereign democratic government. See the other side of this fact sheet for ideas on how to achieve these goals.

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## What You Can Do

**As Americans we are privileged to have many different ways to work to end the war in Iraq:**

**Call your Representative and Senators** and tell them to pass legislation To end the war in Iraq in 2007, to support Iraqi led reconstruction and fund Veterans' health care. You can reach all of your congressional representatives at: **202-224-3121**

**Attend local Peace Action events** including demonstrations, counter-recruitment work, speaking tours and direct action. Find local events at: **[www.peace-action.org/events.html](http://www.peace-action.org/events.html)**

Write **Letters to the Editors** of your local papers. This educates your community and is a great way to get congressional attention. Find ideas for your letters at **[www.Peace-Action.org/iraq](http://www.Peace-Action.org/iraq)**

**Find tips for action and updated resources about Peace Action's Iraq work at:**

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## **Support Veterans - Listen to Them**

Educate you community about the need to end the war by bringing our troops home. Invite local veterans, conscientious objectors and military families to share the impact the war has had on their lives and support their resistance to the occupation. Challenge the popular and inaccurate rhetoric that a timetable for bringing home our troops would mean surrender by spreading the word that U.S. troop withdrawal is the critical first step to de-escalating the insurgency, ending the occupation and promoting an Iraqi-led process of peace and reconstruction.

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY AROUND IRAQ**

### **Senate**

**S. 448:** cuts off funding for the Iraq war 180 days after the date of enactment. Some funding is allowed for counterterrorism operations, to protect American infrastructure and civilian personnel, to allow training of Iraqi Security Forces, and provide for reconstruction activities in Iraq.

### **House**

**H.R. 508:** replaces all U.S. combat troops and contractors with an international peacekeeping force within six months of passage. H.R. 508 also prohibits any permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq, allows for U.S. support for Iraqi reconstruction, the training of Iraqi security personnel, reconciliation efforts, compensation for civilian casualties and finances health care for U.S. veterans.

**H.R. 746:** commences withdrawal of American armed forces and contractors within 30 days of enactment, to be completed no later than 180 days thereafter.

**H.Con.Res. 46:** declares that it is the policy of the United States not to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq and not to exercise United States control of the oil resources of Iraq.

**H.R. 1234:** cuts off funding for U.S. armed forces in Iraq three months after the date of enactment. Exceptions are made for providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops, to ensure the security of Iraq by funding a United Nations-led peacekeeping mission, and to ensure security for consultations with the Iraqi parliament, U.N., and other international organizations.

**H.R. 413:** repeals the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243) and calls on the President to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq in a "safe and orderly manner."

**H.Con.Res.43:** Sponsor: Ron Paul (R-TX-14): seeks to implement Recommendation 9 of the Iraq Study Group report, which states that the U.S. "should engage directly with Iran and Syria in order to try to obtain their commitment to constructive policies toward Iraq and other regional issues."

**"There is no military solution to a problem like that in Iraq, to the insurgency of Iraq."**  
  
**- General David Petraeus, U.S. commander in Iraq\***

\*<http://www.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/meast/03/08/iraq.petraeus/index.html>, \*\*<http://icasualties.org/oif>, \*\*\*Ron Hutcheson, "War's cost nears \$500B," McClatchy Newspapers May 1, 2007, \*\*\*\*[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/19\\_03\\_07\\_iraqpollnew.pdf](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/19_03_07_iraqpollnew.pdf)