# KEEP OREGON'S NATIONAL GUARD FROM DEPLOYMENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

**To the elected officials in the state of Oregon:**
**We, the undersigned, urge you to take the steps necessary to prevent**
**the further deployment of Oregon's National Guard to Iraq and Afghanistan.**

--The Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq (2002) is based on Iraq having weapons of mass destruction, harboring Al Qaida members responsible for 9/11, and enforcing UN resolutions against Saddam Hussein's regime, reasons which were never or are no longer valid.

--The Authorization for Use of Military Force of September 2001, which launched the "War on Terror," is overly broad and has allowed the US to occupy Afghanistan and conduct airstrikes on other countries while chipping away Americans' human, civil and constitutional rights.

--Oregonians have shown a desire to bring the troops home: 61 elected officials from 27 counties signed a letter to President Bush in September, 2007; the Oregon State House and Senate passed resolutions in March and May, 2007; the cities of Corvallis, Portland and Eugene passed similar resolutions in 2006 and 2007; thousands of Oregonians have written letters, postcards and emails, made phone calls, marched and protested.

--Governor Ted Kulongoski told the *Oregonian* in October, 2006 that he believes the continued presence of U.S. troops in Iraq "is making things worse" and that the U.S. should set a strict timetable for getting out.

--Legislation to de-federalize the Guard due to the expiration of the Iraq AUMF has been introduced in Vermont, New Jersey, and several other states.

--Oregon needs its National Guard to respond to forest fires and natural disasters and for search and rescue missions.

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