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March 20, 2007

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2007 Regular Session

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Sponsored by Representatives SHIELDS, HOLVEY, ROSENBAUM, Senator GORDLY; Representatives BARNHART, BONAMICI, BOONE, BUCKLEY, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DINGFELDER, D EDWARDS, GALIZIO, GELSER, GREENLICK, HUNT, KOMP, KOTEK, MACPHERSON, MERKLEY, NATHANSON, READ, RILEY, ROBLAN, TOMEI, WITT, Senators MONROE, WALKER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Urges President of United States not to increase numbers of troops in Iraq. Calls on Congress to pass legislation that limits President from increasing numbers of troops without Congressional approval. Calls on President and Congress to withdraw troops from Iraq and redeploy troops not later than first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas hundreds of thousands of members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including those in the National Guard and Reserves, have served with honor and distinction during our nation's involvement in Iraq; and

Whereas the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly supports the men and women deployed in Iraq and honors the memory of those who have lost their lives in service to our state and country; and

Whereas our nation's involvement in Iraq has cost the lives of more than 3,100 U.S. service members, of whom 79 are Oregonians, and has inflicted combat wounds and injuries, psychic trauma and other disabilities on more than 52,000 others; and

Whereas our nation's involvement in Iraq has already caused Oregonians and those in other states to suffer disrupted family lives, financial hardships for individuals, families and businesses, interrupted careers and damage to the fabric of civic life in our communities; and

Whereas Congress has appropriated more than \$500 billion to date to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq, money that could have funded desperately needed education, health care, housing, nutrition and other social services in communities in the United States; and

Whereas under our republican form of government, Oregon shares responsibility for \$12 billion in joint programs with the federal government at a time when the administration is cutting the federal commitment to education, transportation, human services, veterans' programs and aid to the most vulnerable citizens in this country; and

Whereas the military activities in Iraq have severely strained the capacities of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard and the Reserves; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard has deployed more than 5,300 service members, with more than 900 citizen soldiers seeking mental health care in local communities during a time of shrinking federal services; and

Whereas the Oregon National Guard's equipment readiness has dropped below 40 percent, with a shortage of more than 300 trucks critically required to respond to state disasters involving life and limb; and

Whereas the President of the United States has proposed an escalation in the number of United States troops deployed in Iraq; and

Whereas the additional brigades proposed for deployment to Iraq will be short of personal equipment, enhanced armor protection kits for vehicles and equipment critical to force protection of service members; and

Whereas the proposed escalation in the number of troops committed to Iraq will extend tours of duty for Oregon National Guard members and members of the National Guard in other states, thereby adding to the costs that individuals and communities in Oregon and other states have already incurred; and

Whereas the vast majority of Americans do not support increasing the number of troops in Iraq; and

Whereas most military experts oppose escalation in Iraq and congressional testimony indicates that even the commanding general in Iraq has opposed this strategy; and

Whereas legal experts have recognized that Congress has broad authority to limit expansion of United States military commitments and force redeployment of United States armed forces by exercising the power of the purse granted to Congress in the United States Constitution; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the citizens of Oregon, urge the President to refrain from escalating United States involvement in Iraq at a time when the Iraq Study Group, leading military and diplomatic officials and allies around the world are calling for the United States to reduce the number of troops in Iraq and to withdraw from operations; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, call on Congress to oppose this announced increase in the number of troops deployed in Iraq, and to pass legislation that limits the President from spending more taxpayer dollars on such an escalation until such time as the President obtains Congressional approval for the escalation; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, urge the President, at a minimum, to obtain explicit approval from Congress before sending more American troops to Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, call on Congress and the President to announce an expedient plan for the redeployment of the Armed Forces of the United States from Iraq, to expand advisory assistance to the elected government of Iraq and commence direct regional diplomacy as the congressionally approved Iraq Study Group recommends, to begin handing over military operations for the security of Iraq to the government of Iraq and to begin withdrawing United States forces from Iraq and redeploying those forces as soon as possible, but not later than the first quarter of fiscal year 2008; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Senate Memorial 1

May 1, 2007

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Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Expresses appreciation for Congress' efforts to encourage significant transition in Iraq. Urges Congress to oppose escalation of United States forces in Iraq. Expresses continued support for United States forces.

SENATE MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Senate of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Oregon Senate and the residents of the State of Oregon strongly support the men and women valiantly serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and all other theaters around the world, and support a successful conclusion to their missions; and

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving or have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families deserve the utmost respect and heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering devotion to duty, service to the nation and selfless sacrifice under the most difficult circumstances; and

Whereas the Oregon Senate and the residents of the State of Oregon recognize, appreciate and are forever thankful for the sacrifices that all of our Oregon and other American troops and their families have made, especially the troops who have given their lives or been wounded to protect our freedoms; and

Whereas at least 3,661 American military personnel, including 83 from Oregon, have given their lives since October 2001 in the hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, over 25,800 have been wounded and tens of thousands have returned home with significant physical and mental health care needs; and

Whereas the unknown timeline of the war in Iraq has stretched thin our National Guard and Reserves, including the approximately 8,400 members of the Oregon National Guard, resulting in 7,350 mobilization orders since 2001 and consequently reducing the readiness level of our National Guard to fully meet its missions, including responding to natural disasters and terrorism and protecting us at home; and

Whereas current and former military and foreign policy leaders and members of Congress have expressed opposition in a bipartisan manner to an increase in the American military presence in Iraq; and

Whereas in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, Congress stated that 'calendar year 2006 should be a period of significant transition to full Iraqi sovereignty, with Iraqi security forces taking the lead for the security of a free and sovereign Iraq, thereby creating the conditions for the phased redeployment of United States forces from Iraq'; and

Whereas earlier this year, the administration decided to deploy approximately 29,000 additional United States combat forces to Iraq, supplementing the 150,000 troops already in the field; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Oregon Senate appreciates the efforts of the last Congress, which voted in a bipartisan fashion to encourage significant transition in Iraq.

(2) The Oregon Senate urges the current Congress to exercise its appropriate constitutional authority to oppose the administration's escalation of United States forces in Iraq, and to move the United States toward a phased redeployment of United States forces out of Iraq with a responsible transition to Iraqi control of Iraq's security and of the personnel and resources necessary to achieve stability in Iraq.

(3) The Oregon Senate calls on the administration and Congress to fully fund all benefits for veterans and their families and to appropriately care for our brave men and women when they return from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and from other combat.

(4) The Oregon Senate and the American people will continue to support and protect the members of the United States Armed Forces and the Oregon National Guard who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

(5) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Portland City Council Resolution

November 30, 2006

RESOLUTION No.

Urges Cessation of Combat Operations in Iraq and the Return of US Troops (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council supports the men and women deployed in Iraq, and honors the memory of those who have lost their lives in the war; and

WHEREAS, U.S. involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 2,800 U.S. troops, and the wounding and disabling of more than 21,000 U.S. military personnel to date; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the call-up of Oregon National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses, interruption of careers and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Oregon communities; and

WHEREAS, the war and occupation have also cost as many as 600,000 Iraqi deaths, including men, women and children, according to an October 11 study by published by the British medical journal the Lancet; and

WHEREAS, countless more Iraqis have been maimed, traumatized and wounded, or have suffered the destruction of homes, schools, sanitation and water treatment plants, hospitals and the environment; and

WHEREAS, more than \$343 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq to date, rather than to fund desperately needed education, health care, housing, nutrition and other social services in the United States, and humanitarian assistance abroad; and

WHEREAS, the more than \$419 million spent by Portland taxpayers to date on the war and occupation in Iraq could have provided one year's Head Start for nearly 56,000 Portland children; or one year's medical insurance for more than 250,000 Portland children; or one year's salary for over 7,000 public school teachers in Portland; or more than 3,700 additional housing units in Portland, or over 20,000 four year scholarships at public universities in Oregon, according to the National Priorities Project; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon AFL-CIO, in October, 2005 in convention, approved a resolution including, "...because there can be no more rapid return than now, the Oregon National Guard be immediately returned to their homes and families and that the health care benefits they receive while serving their country be continued upon their return home as long as they have no other source of equally comprehensive health care benefits," and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces in Iraq on the basis of imminent threat of attack by Iraq, possession of weapons of mass destruction by Saddam Hussein and the role of Saddam Hussein in the 9/11 attacks on the United States, all of which have subsequently been disproved; and

WHEREAS, the war and continued occupation have resulted in the devastation of Iraq's physical and social infrastructure and led to widespread and continuous resistance to US occupation that threatens the lives of Iraqi civilians, and the men and women who compose the ranks of U.S. and other occupying forces; and

WHEREAS, the presence of United States forces in Iraq and the alleged torture of prisoners at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and other facilities have diminished the moral authority of the United States, and inflamed anti-American passions in much of the world; and

WHEREAS, the people of Iraq should not be further punished for the miscalculations of the government of the United States, and it should be finally and clearly acknowledged that only a greater measure of international cooperation can create safety and security in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, 65 percent of people in the Portland area disapprove of the way President Bush has handled the war in Iraq according to a September 2006 Oregonian/KATU poll;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Portland, on behalf of the people of Portland urges the United States government to immediately commence an orderly and rapid withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Portland calls upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take the conciliatory steps necessary to restore the standing of the United States in the eyes of the world, protect national security, and induce the cooperation necessary to help bring safety and security to the people of Iraq as drawdown of American troops commences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the financial resources used to prosecute the war be redirected to address the urgent needs of the most vulnerable portions of our population, including education, health care and full benefits for returning veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution shall be sent to George W. Bush, President of the United States, the members of the Oregon Congressional delegation, the Oregon State legislature and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski.

Adopted by the Council:
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Sara Petrocine :sp
November 30, 2006

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland
By:

Deputy

CORVALLIS CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

February 21, 2006

RESOLUTION 2006-06

Resolution Calling for the Withdrawal of all US Troops from Iraq

Minutes of the February 21 2006 Corvallis City Council meeting continued.

A resolution submitted by Councilor George Grosch.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Corvallis, Oregon, and their local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on any matter of grave concern to our city, the nation, and the world community; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council and the citizens of Corvallis respect and honor the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces in Iraq are the sons and daughters of our community and we are concerned for their well being and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council passed a resolution on January 21, 2003, opposing a unilateral preemptive military action against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the war in Iraq approaching its third year has caused 1) the deaths of more than 2,300 American soldiers and 120,000 Iraqis b) the physical and psychological wounding and disabling of more than 16,000 American soldiers and of tens of thousands of Iraqis and c) the destruction of the homes, communities, and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis; and

WHEREAS, important work in rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure, economy, and society cannot progress due to dangerous and unstable public security conditions; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 billion dollars has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Iraq war has diverted federal funds from programs and services in urban areas such as Corvallis, including education, housing, social services, infrastructure improvements, and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians have joined the National Guard thinking they would be serving their neighbors by helping with Oregon-based emergencies unless there was a danger to the United States requiring transfer to active duty; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Armed Forces are entering their second and third deployment to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the federalization and deployment of Oregon National Guard members to the war in Iraq threatens the safety and well being of the citizens of Corvallis because the Oregon National Guard is being diverted from its legally assigned duties to respond to local emergencies including fires, floods, and earthquakes; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS

1. **HEREBY** urges the United States government to commence planning an orderly, rapid, and comprehensive withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq; and
2. **HEREBY** calls upon the President and the Congress of the United States to support our troops by ensuring that returning veterans receive compensation and care, including full mental and physical health, education, disability, and rehabilitation benefits; and
3. **HEREBY** urges the United States government to provide the people of Iraq with appropriate non military aid as shall be necessary for the security of Iraq's citizens and for the rebuilding of Iraq; and
4. **HEREBY** urges the United States government to establish a plan for the ongoing transition of responsibility for internal security activities to the military forces of the Iraqi Government and
5. **HEREBY** urges the United States government to pursue security and stability in Iraq through diplomacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to United States President George W. Bush, Representative Darlene Hooley, Representative Peter DeFazio, United States Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith, Governor Ted Kulongoski, State Representative Sara Gelser, State Senator Frank Morse and the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted

Eugene City Council Resolution

March 12, 2007

Urges Cessation of Combat Operations in Iraq and the Return of U.S. Troops (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Eugene, on behalf of the people of Eugene, supports the men and women deployed in Iraq, and honors the memory of those who have lost their lives or suffered injury in the war; and

WHEREAS, U.S. involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000 U.S. troops, 80 in Oregon, and the wounding and disabling of more than 22,000 U.S. military personnel to date; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the call-up of Oregon National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, grieving, as well as the dramatic disruption within the families of the dead and wounded, financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses, interruption of careers and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Oregon communities; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces in Iraq on the basis of an alleged imminent threat of attack by Iraq, using alleged weapons of mass destruction, and, in addition, on the basis that Saddam Hussein had played an active role in the 9/11 attacks on the United States, both of which bases have subsequently been shown to be unfounded; and

WHEREAS, the war and occupation has caused an estimated 650,000 Iraqi deaths, including men, women and children, according to an October 11 study British medical journal, The Lancet; and

WHEREAS, countless more Iraqis have been maimed, traumatized and wounded, or have suffered the destruction of homes, businesses, schools, sanitation and water treatment plants, hospitals, and, in general, much of their economic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iraqi people have held their own elections and called for a timetable for the withdrawal of the U.S. armed forces from Iraq; and

WHEREAS, more than \$360 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund the invasion and subsequent occupation of a country that posed no threat to the U.S., which funds were removed from education, health care, housing, nutrition and other social services in the United States, as well as humanitarian assistance abroad; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq highlights our dependence on imported oil for our energy needs and uses funds that could be better allocated to developing alternatives to fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the more than \$102 million spent by Eugene taxpayers to date on the war and occupation in Iraq could have provided one year's Head Start for nearly 14,000 Eugene children; or one year's medical insurance for more than 61,000 Eugene children; or one year's Head Start for nearly 14,000 Eugene children; or one year's medical insurance for more than 61,000 Eugene children; or one year's salary for more than 1775 public school teachers in Eugene; or more than 900 additional housing units in Eugene, or nearly 5000 four- year scholarships at public universities in Oregon, according to the National Priorities Project; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon AFL-CIO, at their October, 2005, convention, approved a resolution calling for the immediate return of the Oregon National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the war and continued occupation have resulted in the devastation of Iraq's physical and social infrastructure and led to widespread and continuous resistance to a U.S. occupation that threatens the lives of Iraqi civilians, the men and women who compose the ranks of U.S. and other occupying forces; and

WHEREAS, according to recent polls, two out of three Americans disapprove of the way President Bush has handled the war in Iraq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Eugene, on behalf of the people of Eugene, urge the United States government to immediately commence a rapid and orderly withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Eugene, on behalf of the people of Eugene, urge the Congress of the United States to vote against further funding of the Iraq occupation by U.S. forces, commencing with FY 2008 (October 1, 2007), except for funds necessary to carry out a safe, rapid and orderly withdrawal that fully protects American troops from harm and to expedite necessary reconstruction in Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Eugene, on behalf of the people of Eugene, urge the United States government to pursue regional diplomatic efforts with the countries that border Iraq, including both Iran and Syria, with the goal of producing stability in Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the financial resources used to prosecute the war be redirected, as they become available, to address the urgent needs of the most vulnerable portions of our population, including education, health care and full benefits for returning veterans, as well as to fund the development of non-carbon producing alternatives for our energy needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution shall be sent to George W. Bush, President of the United States, the members of the Oregon Congressional delegation, the Oregon State legislature and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski.

Letter from Oregon Local Elected Representatives to Congress

September 13, 2007

Letter to Congress & Signers

Dear Member of Congress,

We are elected city, school, education, county and state officials in Oregon sending this letter to Oregon's congressional delegation, urging you to direct the Administration to bring our Armed Forces home from Iraq and to cut off the funds for the Iraq War. We want to add our voices to those of the group of Oregon county commissioners who initiated this message on June 22, 2007.

The Administration put forward the purposes of removing a dictator from power and removing a perceived threat of weapons of mass destruction. If these were once valid reasons to send troops abroad, they are no longer valid reasons. Our brave Armed Forces--including a disproportionate number from our state and communities--are now seen as an occupation force and they continue to be placed in harm's way for no apparent reason. Congress has the "power of the purse" and must assert its responsibility to do what is right and just. We call on you to act in support of the safe and careful withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. This is the best way to "support our troops".

As elected officials, we are struggling to provide basic services at a time when the Iraq War's costs are mounting. We have been told by federal officials, time and time again, that federal funds for roads, schools, economic development, housing, corrections, tuition assistance, law enforcement, health care, mental health and all other purposes are limited because of the Iraq War. We are told to find "offsets" as the cost of the Iraq War explodes. The former Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, was asked -- at the beginning of the Iraq War -- what the cost of the Iraq War would be. At the time, he estimated the cost at \$50 billion. As a Nation, we had spent \$440 billion by June 2007. Oregon's proportionate share of that cost was over \$3.7 billion. Even after the bloodshed ends, we and our sons and daughters will continue to pay for this war and the care of physically and mentally wounded veterans as part of the National debt.

We represent a large and growing number of Oregonians who, for many reasons, understand the need to stop this war. Among us are those who mourn the deaths and injuries of our neighbors. Among us are those who mourn for the deaths and destruction suffered by the Iraqi people, and those who believe the war is counter to the true long term interests of the American people. And among us are those in cities where basic infra-structure is badly in need of rebuilding and repair; and those in cities where libraries have closed for lack of funds; and in counties where budget cuts have forced long time employees out of work, where parks have been shut down and essential services are at risk. We continue a massive involvement in conflict overseas, while we cannot solve our own pressing domestic issues.

Please urge the Administration to bring our Armed Forces home from Iraq and please cut off funds for the Iraq War except those which are necessary for safe and prompt withdrawal of American military forces from Iraq.

Very truly yours,

Benton

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Coos

Mike Claassen, City Councilor, Bandon.

Curry

John Hewitt, City Councilor, Port Orford.

Deschutes

Linda Johnson, City Councilor, Bend.

Peter Gramlich, City Councilor, Bend.

Douglas

Elizabeth Belmont, Oakland School Board, Oakland.
Ed Francis, Oakland School Board, Oakland.
Katherine Goodwin, Oakland School Board, Oakland.

Gilliam

Dale Thompson, Mayor, Condon.

Grant

William B. Harrington, Councilor, City of Prairie City.

Jackson

Peter Buckley, State Representative, District 5, Ashland.
James W. Lewis, Mayor, Jacksonville.
Dave Gilmour, M.D., Jackson County Commissioner

Jefferson

Mike Ahern, Jefferson County Commissioner, Madras

Josephine

Dave Toler, Josephine County Commissioner.
Bob Litak, Three Rivers School Board.

Klamath

David Crider, Crescent Rural Fire Protection District, Klamath County.

Lane

Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner, Eugene.
Bill Fleenor, Lane County Commissioner, Mapleton.
Kitty Piercy, Eugene Mayor.
Bonny Bettman, Eugene City Councilor.
Andrea Ortiz, Eugene City Councilor.
Betty Taylor, Eugene City Councilor.
Alan Zelenka, Eugene City Councilor
Vicki Walker, State Senator, Dist. 7, Eugene
Paul Holvey, State Representative, Dist 8, Eugene
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Leslie Rubinstein, South Lane School Board, Cottage Grove,
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Lincoln

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Mark Camara, City Councilor, Toledo.

Linn

Ray Weldon, Lebanon City Council.
Sharon Konopa, City Councilor, Albany

Marion

Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk.

Multnomah

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Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Commissioner, Portland.
Chip Shields, State Representative, District 5, N/NE Portland
Randy Leonard, Portland City Council.

Polk

Steve Milligan, Monmouth City Council.

Tillamook

Tim Josi, County Commissioner Tillamook County, Tillamook.

Umatilla

David Trott, Mayor, Umatilla, Oregon.
Marjorie Iburg, City Councilor, Pendleton.

Wallowa

Sharon Sherlock, City Councilor,
Enterprise.
Mark Lacey, City Council, Joseph.

Wasco

Bill Lennox, Wasco County Commissioner,
The Dalles.

Washington

Dick Schouten, Washington County
Commissioner, Beaverton.

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Yamhill

Ginger Williams, City Councilor, Carlton.

Letter from Rep. Lynn Woolsey to President Bush July 19, 2007-October 17, 2007

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Dear Mr. President:

Seventy House Members wrote in July to inform you that they will only support appropriating additional funds for U.S. military operations in Iraq during Fiscal Year 2008 and beyond for the protection and safe redeployment of our troops out of Iraq before you leave office.

Now you are requesting an additional \$45 billion to sustain your escalation of U.S. military operations in Iraq through next April, on top of the \$145 billion you requested for military operations during FY08 in Iraq and Afghanistan. Accordingly, even more of us are writing anew to underscore our opposition to appropriating any additional funds for U.S. military operations in Iraq other than a time-bound, safe redeployment as stipulated above.

More than 3,744 of our brave soldiers have died in Iraq. More than 27,000 have been seriously wounded. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have been killed or injured in the hostilities and more than 4 million have been displaced from their homes. Furthermore, this conflict has degenerated into a sectarian civil war and U.S. taxpayers have paid more than \$500 billion, despite assurances that you and your key advisors gave our nation at the time you ordered the invasion in March, 2003 that this military intervention would cost far less and be paid from Iraqi oil revenues.

We agree with a clear and growing majority of the American people who are opposed to continued, open-ended U.S. military operations in Iraq, and believe it is unwise and unacceptable for you to continue to unilaterally impose these staggering costs and the soaring debt on Americans currently and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (CA); Rep. Barbara Lee (CA); Rep. Maxine Waters (CA); Rep. Ellen Tauscher (CA); Rep. Rush Holt (NJ); Rep. Maurice Hinchey (NY); Rep. Diane Watson (CA); Rep. Ed Pastor (AZ); Rep. Barney Frank (MA); Rep. Danny Davis (IL); Rep. John Conyers (MI); Rep. John Hall (NY); Rep. Bob Filner (CA); Rep. Nydia Velazquez (NY); Rep. Bobby Rush (IL); Rep. Charles Rangel (NY); Rep. Ed Towns (NY); Rep. Paul Hodes (NH); Rep. William Lacy Clay (MO); Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR); Rep. Albert Wynn (MD); Rep. Bill Delahunt (MA); Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC); Rep. G. K. Butterfield (NC); Rep. Hilda Solis (CA); Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY); Rep. Jerrold Nadler (NY); Rep. Michael Honda (CA); Rep. Steve Cohen (TN); Rep. Phil Hare (IL); Rep. Grace Flores Napolitano (CA); Rep. Alcee Hastings (FL); Rep. James McGovern (MA); Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH); Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL); Rep. Julia Carson (IN); Rep. Linda Sanchez (CA); Rep. Raul Grijalva (AZ); Rep. John Olver (MA); Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX); Rep. Jim McDermott (WA); Rep. Ed Markey (MA); Rep. Chaka Fattah (PA); Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (NJ); Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (TX); Rep. Pete Stark (CA); Rep. Bobby Scott (VA); Rep. Jim Moran (VA); Rep. Betty McCollum (MN); Rep. Jim Oberstar (MN); Rep. Diana DeGette (CO); Rep. Stephen Lynch (MA); Rep. Artur Davis (AL); Rep. Hank Johnson (GA); Rep. Donald Payne (NJ); Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (MO); Rep. John Lewis (GA); Rep. Yvette Clarke (NY); Rep. Neil Abercrombie (HI); Rep. Gwen Moore (WI); Rep. Keith Ellison (MN); Rep. Tammy Baldwin (WI); Rep. Donna Christensen (USVI); Rep. David Scott (GA); Rep. Luis Gutierrez (IL); Lois Capps (CA); Steve Rothman (NJ); Elijah Cummings (MD); and Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX).

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