

Petition for Withdrawal From Iraq

To Sen. Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr and members of the House of Representatives,

Whereas we can best honor the lives and memories of all who have died in Iraq by ending the war, bringing United States troops home, and supporting the rebuilding of Iraq;

Whereas the perception that the U.S. intends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent groups in recruiting supporters and fuels more violence;

Whereas a clear statement of intent to fully withdraw U.S. troops and close all U.S. bases does not imply the setting of a particular deadline, time frame, or exit strategy;

Whereas such a statement would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq and the international community that the U.S. does not have imperial intentions in Iraq;

Whereas many Iraqi nationalist groups have expressed a willingness to engage in political dialogue if the U.S. clearly states its intention to withdraw from Iraq;

Be it Resolved that we call on the U.S. Congress to adopt a sense of the Congress resolution declaring: **“It is the policy of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq.”**

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