

**Bipartisan Legislation Calls on President to
Begin Withdrawal of US Forces from Iraq**

June 16, 2005: On June 16th, a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress including Jones (R-NC), Paul (R-TX), Abercrombie (D-HI), and Kucinich (D-OH) will introduce the first bipartisan legislation that will call on President Bush to set a plan for beginning the phase-out of US troops in Iraq.

Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin also introduced a resolution this week in the Senate asking the President to submit a report on the time frame for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Please call your representatives and senators and urge them to support legislation requiring the Bush administration to provide a detailed plan for supporting Iraq's transition to a fully independent and stable democracy, including a clear timetable for the reduction and full withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Every message sent to the House and Senate makes a difference.

Please edit and change the sample letter to make it your own. Individualized letters have the strongest impact!

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Dear Rep.or Sen. _____

Please support the support the upcoming legislation which calls for the Bush administration to plan for the beginning of the phase out of US troops.

The perception that the U.S. intends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent groups in recruiting supporters and fuels violent activity. A clear statement of intent to fully withdraw U.S. troops and bases does not imply the setting of a particular deadline, time frame, or exit strategy. Such a statement would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq and the international community that the United States does not have imperial intentions in Iraq and affirms that the Iraqi people will regain through their elected representatives the full exercise of national sovereignty, including control over security and public safety.

I feel we can best honor the lives and memories of all who have died in Iraq by expediting the end of the war, bringing U.S. troops home as quickly as possible, and supporting the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country.