

July 4, 2005

The Patriotic Initiative

for an orderly U.S. Exit from Iraq

Because I share the concern of my elected members of Congress for the safety of the men and women serving in the U.S. military in Iraq and of all Iraqis, I call upon my U.S. Senators _____ and _____ , and my U.S. Representative _____ , to state their firm commitment to **oppose any funding** for the U.S. military presence in Iraq until the United States ---

- 1) declares it shall not establish any military base in Iraq;
- 2) declares it shall relinquish all sovereign control to a legitimate Iraqi government, including control over all of Iraq's natural resources; and
- 3) announces a plan for orderly withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq.

DATE _____

NAME (PRINTED) _____

SIGNATURE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP _____

[If this is an **organizational endorsement**, then write the name of the organization here:

Please mail this completed petition to local contact:
Montgomery County Coalition for Alternatives to War
McCAW PO Box 8474
Silver Spring, MD 20907 USA

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THANK YOU for signing
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which is on the other side of this sheet of paper. **Check here if you would like:**

_____ to receive mail and/or e-mail in the future.

_____ to host a presentation about this Initiative at your home, school, or place of work or worship.

_____ to contribute time or funds to McCaw. Your skills _____

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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PHONE (optional) _____ E-MAIL (optional) _____

If you have **served in the U.S. military**, please state years of service _____ to _____; in

(branch) _____; highest rank obtained _____.

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BACKGROUND: Today the whole world is puzzling over this question--how to stop the horrible violence in Iraq, for which there seems no end. The people and agencies listed below are working vigorously on concrete steps which might be taken--economic, military, and political--to reduce the violence. They are cited here for your information. They are not co-signers, at this moment [7/4/06], of the new, "The Patriotic Initiative," but it is hoped that this initiative will aid their efforts.

How Can It Happen? Ask ...

Friends Committee on National Legislation (www.fcnl.org), whose S.T.E.P. Resolution (Sensible Transition to Enduring Peace) is an inspiring and necessary beginning. (202) 547-6000

Institute for Policy Studies (www.ips-dc.org) features a transcript of "Iraq: The Logic of Withdrawal" and expert speakers on that topic. (202) 234-9382

Education for Peace in Iraq Center (www.epic-usa.org) advocates a deliberate and gradual exit, keeping the safety of the Iraqi people the top priority. 202-543-6176

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (www.carnegieendowment.org) provides a platform for experts on Iraq and the Middle East. 202.483.7600

Voices in the Wilderness (www.vitw.org) features voices of people now in Iraq. (773) 784-8065

Military Families Speak Out (www.mfso.org) is an organization of people who are opposed to war in Iraq and who have relatives or loved ones in the military. 617-983-0710

Peace Action (www.peace-action.org) authored a Campaign for a New Foreign Policy that would prevent such blunders as invading sovereign nations under false pretense. 301-565-4050.