

1 **Resolution Calling On All Members of Congress**
2 **to Sign the July 20, 2007**
3 **“No More Funds for War” Letter to President Bush**

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5 **WHEREAS**, the Platform of the Democratic Party of Washington reads, “That it is up to
6 citizens, specifically civilians, to assure that Constitutional checks and balances prevent
7 misuses of power”; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Platform further states, “That there is irrefutable evidence that the war
10 against Iraq was an unjustified war based on false and misleading statements and faulty
11 thinking, and that it has led to the death and injury of thousands of innocent people,
12 including U.S. servicemen and women and has made the U.S. and other nations less
13 safe from terrorism”; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2007, the WSDCC passed a resolution stating, “...the
16 continuing presence of United States military personnel in Iraq only puts their lives at
17 risk and decreases stability in the country;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democrats call upon
20 our Congressional delegation to help pass legislation to remove the remaining troops
21 within 12 months”; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, a resolution adopted by delegates to the 2005 Convention of the AFL-CIO
24 reads in part, “ Our soldiers – the men and women risking their lives in Iraq – come
25 from America's working families. They are our sons and daughters, our sisters and
26 brothers, our husbands and wives. They deserve to be properly equipped with
27 protective body gear and up-armored vehicles. And they deserve leadership that fully
28 values their courage and sacrifice. Most importantly, they deserve a commitment from
29 our country's leaders to bring them home as quickly as possible”; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, at its 2006 Convention, the Washington State Labor Council passed a
32 resolution stating, “RESOLVED, that the U.S. Government begin immediately a phased
33 withdrawal of U.S. troops, taking into account the safety of those troops, and to the
34 extent possible, the safety of the Iraqi people so the U.S. soldiers and reservists can
35 return to their homes and families; and, the Iraqi people can determine how to govern
36 their country without an occupying force”; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, poll after poll demonstrate that support for the war has dwindled, and a
39 large majority of the public want any further funding to be conditioned on a time-line
40 for the safe withdrawal of military and non-military forces from Iraq; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, the majority of Congress is disregarding the will of the people;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we direct all Members of Congress from Washington State to add their names to those of their colleagues who have already signed the July 20, 2007 “No More Funds For War” letter to President Bush, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we, the people direct Congress and other elected officials to heed the will of those who they are elected to serve, and present a plan within three months to bring an end to the horrible war and occupation in Iraq.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the WSDCC send certified copies of this resolution to all members of Congress from Washington State.

Submitted by the Progressive Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 9/29/2007)

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “RECOMMENDED A PASS” on this resolution at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee

The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee.

References and Additional Information

July 20 letter to President Bush, No more funds for War

July 20, 2007

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to inform you that we 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 all our troops out of Iraq before you leave office.

More than 3,600 of our brave soldiers have died in Iraq. More than 26,000 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.

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

92 Sincerely,

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

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