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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the majority of Congress is disregarding the will of the people;
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.
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,