

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## 66 **References and Additional Information**

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

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70 *July 20, 2007*

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72 Dear Mr. President,

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74 We are writing to inform you that we will only support appropriating additional funds  
75 for U.S. military operations in Iraq during Fiscal Year 2008 and beyond for the  
76 protection and safe redeployment of all our troops out of Iraq before you leave office.

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78 More than 3,600 of our brave soldiers have died in Iraq. More than 26,000 have been  
79 seriously wounded. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have been killed or injured in the  
80 hostilities and more than 4 million have been displaced from their homes. Furthermore,  
81 this conflict has degenerated into a sectarian civil war and U.S. taxpayers have paid  
82 more than \$500 billion, despite assurances that you and your key advisors gave our  
83 nation at the time you ordered the invasion in March, 2003 that this military  
84 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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