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Thousands Visit the Home Office of Every US Senator at 12:30 PM Today

Demand: No \$87 Billion for Failed Iraq Policy Unless Bush "Changes Course & Changes the Team"

250,000 Citizens Sign Up to Misleader.org at Record Pace

Thousands of Win Without War coalition members visited the home offices of every U.S. Senator across the country today to push for the defeat of the Bush administration's proposed \$87 Billion appropriation for Iraq. They delivered letters signed by 500,000 supporters and a "voided check" for the \$87 billion request.

The group is calling for the Congress to condition approval of any Iraq appropriation request on a change in the Bush administration's Iraq policy and the dismissal of those responsible for it, starting with Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld.

"While the Bush administration is busy moving the deck chairs on its failed Titanic Iraq policy, American soldiers are dying and American taxpayers are being taken to the cleaners," said Win Without War National Director and former U.S. Congressman Tom Andrews. "Cosmetic changes are unacceptable — it is time for the Bush administration to change course and change the team responsible for the debacle in Iraq."

"The Congress has failed America by refusing to provide checks and balances on an administration that is well over its head," said Andrews. "Today we are putting each member of the Senate on notice: you are going to be held accountable by your constituents for doing your job — holding the administration accountable to American soldiers on the front lines in Iraq and American taxpayers at home."

The nationally coordinated events were organized by Win Without War member organizations across the nation. Win Without War is a national coalition of 42 national membership-based groups.

Tom Andrews, National Director of Win Without War, is available for interviews by calling Jessica Smith at: 202-822-5200 x234.

National Win Without War members include: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities, Campaign for UN Reform, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Council for a Livable World, Education for Peace in Iraq Center, Families USA, Feminist Majority, Fourth Freedom Forum, Global Exchange, Greenpeace, Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), MoveOn, NAACP, National Council of Churches, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Organization for Women (NOW), NETWORK A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Pax Christi USA, Peace Action, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), Psychologists for Social Responsibility, Rainbow/Push Coalition, Shalom Center, Sojourners, Soulforce, The Tikkun Community, TrueMajority, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, Us Foundation, USAction, Veterans for Common Sense, Veterans for Peace, Women's Action for New Directions (WAND), Working Assets, Artists United to Win Without War, Musicians United to Win Without War.

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