

5 Years Too Many

\$500 Billion Too Much

Five years ago the Bush administration went to war against Iraq. For 5 years the U.S. Congress has approved every request for special funding for this war and occupation. Over \$500 billion has already been spent, but the costs of the war are really much higher.

One Day of the Iraq War = \$720 Million

The economic cost of the Iraq War is far greater than most of us imagine, with more than \$1 trillion tax dollars spent. This includes the funding specifically for the war, and future costs such as interest on the debt to finance the war and health care for wounded vets.

One trillion dollars equals \$720 million spent each day, or \$400,000 per minute. The taxpayer money spent on the war is displacing millions of Iraqis and destroying their hospitals and schools instead of supporting health care, education, housing and other human needs for people in our own communities and in Iraq. \$720 million each day could cover any of these:

- 84 new elementary schools
- 12,478 new classroom teachers
- 1,153,525 free school lunches
- health insurance for 423,529 children
- 6,482 affordable housing units
- renewable electricity for 1,274,336 homes

Congress will soon take action on the request for another \$100+ billion for the war and occupation in Iraq. We must act now to make sure this does not happen.

- *With nearly 4,000 U.S. troops killed and almost 40,000 wounded, isn't it time to end this?*
- *With over 1,000,000 Iraqis killed, isn't it time to end this?*
- *With 4.5 million Iraqis (in a country of 23 million people) internally displaced or living as refugees in other countries, isn't it time to end this?*

**Help end this war and occupation that never should have happened.
Help bring all of the troops home and then take care of them.**

Please take a moment to call those who represent you in Congress. You can reach any member of the House or the Senate by calling the congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121.

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