A Call to Bring our *California National Guard* Home Immediately

We, the undersigned, strongly support the women and men serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq, including our California National Guard, and we recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making,

We believe our California National Guard would better serve our citizens by helping with California-based emergencies, which is why they joined the Guard, unless there was a true danger to the United States.

We believe the federalization and deployment of the National Guard in a foreign occupation has no legal justification and has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively

We believe the costs of the call-up of the California National Guard for deployment in Iraq have been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardships for individuals, families & businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many California communities.

We believe stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Californians in the Guard and the State and nation they agreed to serve.

We call upon Congress to exercise its Constitutional authority to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, and to restore the National Guard to its original domestic defense purpose: "to suppress insurrections and repel invasions".

We, call upon the Governor and State Legislature of California to take whatever steps necessary to secure the withdrawal of the California National Guard troops from Iraq immediately.

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