

Call to bring the California National Guard home

We, the undersigned, strongly support the women and men serving in the United States Armed Force in Iraq, including members of our California National Guard and we recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making. We stand ready to help our troops in whatever way we can.

We recognize the prosecution of the war has put members of our California National Guard in unnecessary danger due to inadequate training and equipment, and long, difficult tours of duty.

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 hardship, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many California communities.

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

We believe the California National Guard would better serve the citizens by helping with California-based emergencies. 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 immediate steps to secure the withdrawal of the California National Guard troops from Iraq by Labor Day 2005.

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