



**Rebuild Iraqi
Communities**



U.S. HOUSE: No More Money for War
**Yes We Can Support: Displaced Iraqis, Development, Diplomacy,
Deadline for Withdrawal, and Detainees from Torture**

Please vote against \$75.5 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and speak out in support of:

- ***The Deadline for Complete Withdrawal from Iraq***—President Obama announced that “under the Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqi government, I intend to remove all U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of 2011.” This deadline for withdrawal must now be codified into law. At a minimum, Congress should prohibit any war funds from being expended in Iraq past December 31, 2011. The 110th Congress overwhelmingly supported a ban on permanent bases in Iraq, which was signed into law multiple times.

Please support any amendments that would prohibit funds from being used to establish permanent bases in Iraq or extend military operations there after December 31, 2011.

- ***Development***—Please support the \$7.1 billion request for non-military aid, including \$557 million for refugee aid and other humanitarian & economic support funds for Iraqis.

Please support the president’s non-military aid request and oppose all efforts that are sure to come to strip this portion of the supplemental that invests in human needs.

- ***Displaced Iraqis***—One out of every five Iraqis has fled their homes, for a total displaced population of 5 million. The U.S. has a moral responsibility to help alleviate this crisis.

Please cosponsor H.R. 578, the Iraqi Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement, and Security Act of 2009.

- ***Detainee Protection from Torture***—President Obama issued an executive order banning torture. Now the task is to put safe guards in place to guarantee that U.S.-sponsored torture never happens again. The first step is to comprehensively investigate past abuses.

Please cosponsor H.R. 104, that would establish a “Commission of Inquiry” to investigate past incidents of torture, detainee treatment, and interrogation policy.

- ***Diplomacy***—The U.S. and Iran should negotiate an Incidents at Sea Agreement to establish “rules of the road” for the volatile Persian Gulf to prevent any confrontations between U.S. and Iranian naval vessels from escalating into a future armed conflict.

Please cosponsor H.Con.Res. 94, a bipartisan resolution promoting an "Incidents at Sea Agreement" between the U.S. and Iran that would protect U.S. sailors.

Deadline--Support a Complete Withdrawal from Iraq by December 31, 2011

Please support any amendments that would prohibit funds from being used to establish permanent bases in Iraq or extend military operations there after December 31, 2011. This deadline should be elevated to the forefront of public discussion. Congressional support for this deadline will ensure its success and help prevent prospects of any renegotiated agreement delaying the deadline for complete withdrawal.

Development--Support the non-military aid request in the supplemental

Out of the \$83.4 billion for war, \$7.1 billion is for non-military spending. We urge you to support the entire president's request to respond to humanitarian, development, and diplomatic needs around the globe. We are particularly concerned that the provisions that would support Iraqi refugees and other vulnerable human needs are robustly supported by Congress:

Migration and Refugee Assistance: \$293 million total requested, of that \$108 million "for basic social services to Iraqi refugees, internally displaced persons and conflict victims."

Economic Support Funds: \$2.9 billion total requested, of which \$449 million is for Iraq:

- \$120.5 million for economic growth and diversification in Iraq, including expanded market access, improved commerce, and trade and legal, regulatory and policy reforms;
- \$262 million for building capacity in Iraqi governance;
- \$45 million for the Quick Response Fund for local development projects.
- \$3.5 million for the Marla Ruzicka Iraq War Victims Fund to assist civilian victims of U.S. or Iraqi military operations;
- \$5 million to provide support to Iraqi war widows; and
- \$13 million for Iraqi program support.

Displaced Iraqis--Cosponsor H.R. 578 for Iraqi refugees

The Iraqi Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement, and Security Act of 2009 would fund humanitarian aid for Iraqis forced to flee their homes, increase U.S. admissions for Iraqi refugees, increase U.S. staff processing refugee requests, and direct the Secretary of State to develop a comprehensive strategy to resolve the Iraqi refugee crisis. This bill was originally introduced by Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) and now has 26 additional cosponsors. It has been referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

Detainee protection--Cosponsor H.R. 104 to establish a "Commission of Inquiry"

This bill, introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) would "establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties" that would investigate detainee policy and past abuses. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence, the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be determined by the Speaker.

Diplomacy--Cosponsor H.Con.Res. 94, Incidents at Sea Agreement with Iran

This bipartisan bill was introduced by Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY) and Rep. John Conyers (D-MI). Many former military officials support an incidents at sea agreement with Iran to ease tensions in the Persian Gulf and protect U.S. sailors.