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Congress: To whom it may concern,

According to the Constitution, Congress passed the War Powers Resolution of 1973. Its political purpose was to assure the people that Congress could and would protect the nation against future Vietnam. Where is Congress in regard to deployment of troops? It has been over 60 days -

- ① Declared War? ② Formally authorized hostilities? ③ Formally extended 60 day period?

The President has deployed troops into a situation, risking hostility without a declaration of war. Can we possibly be heading toward another Vietnam while Congress refuses to act in formal approval or disapproval until the body bags come home and we again lose lives in a no win situation?

Has Congress satisfied the Resolution's requirements? If Congress refuses to act and ratify this Resolution, revise it, do not violate it by 'ignoring it'. It is the responsibility of Congress to follow the written Constitution (and either formally condone or protest the deployment of American men and women).

Since the power to decide for war or peace is in the hands of Congress, not the Commander in Chief, this constituent needs and asks for Congress to act.

If, as a whole, Congress supports the President, ratify the War Powers Act, and be ready to stand politically behind that approval. Please, execute your rights, represent the people, do not stand aside and give the President blanket authority over a major issue that affects us all.

I personally hope that Congress will authorize by Concurrent Resolution to bring our troops home. I believe no significant moral justification exists for the response that Bush has shown to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Congress failed to raise doubts until it was too late. In the Vietnam war, will history repeat itself and lead again to regrets later? Is war for oil worth American lives? Americans deserve better, we deserve the truth. It's pathetic to think young men and women may die for a less than honorable cause, that they may lay down their lives to protect oil companies & mega profits. The families of these servicemen will not be able to say proudly that their son, daughter, husband, wife etc fought & died for liberty, freedom and the American way, but for "oil interests" in the Gulf and no amount of Bush propaganda can make a 'cause' for war that the American people will stand behind and support.

Sincerely

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