

Bring troops home now, offer proper care

The American people are focused on an economy in crisis. But for military families, a second crisis continues — every day that the war goes on is another day when so many of our loved ones are in harm's way. Our family members are returning with lifelong injuries to their bodies, minds and spirits. The fact that every month this continuing war drains \$10 billion from an economy in crisis seems lost in the day-to-day realities of layoffs and foreclosures.

The president's plan for an additional 2½ years of occupation will result in more death and suffering. I urge the American people to call on President Obama to bring the troops home *now* and to take proper care of them when they return, and to remind Congress that it is time to stop paying for this war with lives that cannot be replaced and money that America does not have to waste. The "change we need": Bring them home now!

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