

Another Mother for Peace

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Dear Laura,

Our American sons and daughters are dying in Iraq and I don't know why.

First I was told that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction that were aimed at us. That turned out to be a lie.

Then I was told that the Iraqi people would be glad that we invaded their country and would welcome us with flowers and sweetmeats. That turned out to be a lie.

Then I was told that Saddam Hussein had ties to Al Qaeda. That turned out to be a lie.

What I see is that more than 1,900 of our children have died in a country filled with people whose culture we don't understand, who see us as invaders, not rescuers. America is filling up with grieving families and angry citizens. I want to know why the President commanded us to go to war.

Perhaps you can explain it. Why are we there? Your husband, our President, has made public statements that our children are dying for a noble cause. What exactly is this noble cause?

We overthrew Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi people did not. Iraq is a nation recently liberated from a tyrant, a nation filled with Kurd, Shia and Sunni factions who have never had the opportunity to negotiate peaceful co-existence. We are telling them to create a constitution that embodies American values and to do it now. How can people who have not yet learned or even agreed to try to live together in harmony create a unified Iraqi state? Is this the noble cause? If so, explain to me how it is a noble cause to impose our will on others.

Every day American servicemen and women are killed or maimed in a country that neither wants nor appreciates them.

Laura, you're a mother. I'm a mother. This administration has made a mistake. Please. Use your influence to stop this war!

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photo by Gilbert B. Weingourt

On September 24th Another Mother joined the massive peace demonstration in front of the White House



photo by Dan Sladek

and we demonstrated in Los Angeles and other cities across the country on this national day of protest.

KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM — SEND OUR MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON



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WAR IS NOT HEALTHY FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER LIVING THINGS



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Another Mother went to Washington to add our voice to the hundreds of thousands of others demanding an end to the war in Iraq.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

On October 1, 2005 the front page of the *Los Angeles Times* reported that the U.S. generals running the war in Iraq presented a new assessment of the military situation. The message, in public comments and sworn testimony, was that the 149,000 U.S. troops in Iraq are increasingly part of the problem. They suggest a gradual withdrawal of troops.

Meanwhile . . .

Since the beginning of the war in Iraq more than 1,900 American servicemen and women have been killed. For every one soldier killed about seven are wounded. A doctor at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington said, "I've seen up to three limbs gone off people, and I don't think in our generation we've seen this amount of harm done to young people." Some wounds are less obvious. Another 1,000 soldiers have been evacuated from Iraq for treatment of mental problems.

And that's not all . . .

A report published by Iraq Body Count in association with Oxford Research Group estimates that 24,865 Iraqi civilians have been killed since the start of the war.

Unfortunately...

The ill-advised war and occupation of Iraq has diminished American credibility as a world leader, and, so far has cost us \$250 billion. (The *Los Angeles Times* reports that this is \$50 billion more than the estimated cost to rebuild the city of New Orleans.)

The question is . . .

How long are we going to allow our government to squander lives and tax dollars?

Peace Homework

November is upon us. In many states elections are being held — opportunities for us to express our opinions. AMP urges you to vote.

Also, we must step up our emails and faxes and phone calls to our elected officials. Tell them again and again that this invasion and occupation of Iraq, the killing and maiming of innocent people must stop!

Let's add Laura Bush to the list of people who need to get our message. Send her the letter on page 1 or write your own. If you have access to the internet, go to www.anothermother.org and download the letter to send by fax or email.

fax: (202) 456-2461

phone: (202) 456-1414

email: comments@whitehouse.gov

or write: Laura Bush

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Spread the word: WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER.
IT NEVER WAS, AND IT ISN'T NOW.

Another Mother for Peace is a non-profit, non-partisan association dedicated to eliminating the use of war as a means of solving disputes among nations, people and ideologies.

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"War is not healthy for children and other living things" Logo is approximately 1" x 1 1/4". Available in gold or silver metallic finish

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