

# Another Mother for Peace



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 2,000 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!

Sincerely,