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New TV Ad Campaign to be Announced on Friday

Thousands of Petitions Send Message to Congress: “Out in ‘06”

*MoveOn Members Deliver 400,000 Signatures to 248
Local
Congressional Offices Urging an Iraq Exit Strategy*

Wednesday—Opposition to President Bush’s failed Iraq policy surged today as MoveOn.org Political Action members, including veterans and military families, delivered petitions bearing 400,000 signatures to 248 district congressional offices, urging support for an exit strategy plan with a timeline to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq.

Today’s events are part of a campaign that included advertising in eight congressional districts in November. A new advertising campaign will be announced Friday.

“Almost 400,000 Americans today called on Congress to make the responsible choice for our troops and the Iraqi people. We need a real exit strategy with a timeline that starts now and gets us out of Iraq in 2006,” said Tom Matzzie, Washington Director of MoveOn.org Political Action. “It’s time for Congress to stand up to the President’s failed policy in Iraq.

“While the President desperately tries to convince Americans to support the occupation of Iraq, public opinion here and in Iraq continues to support an exit strategy. More and more U.S. military and foreign policy experts outside of Bush’s narrow circle are demanding an exit timeline. Their message: our presence is fueling the insurgency; it’s weakening our military; and it’s making America less safe,” Matzzie added.

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