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*** Ad Starts in Members' Districts Monday ***

New TV Ad Tells Congress: Most Americans and Iraqis Oppose U.S. Occupation, It's Time For an Exit Strategy

PART OF 'OUT IN '06' CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF PETITIONS TO CONGRESS

MoveOn.org Political Action will begin airing a TV ad on Monday in select congressional districts, pointing out that the majority of Iraqis want U.S. troops out of Iraq. The ad urges members of Congress to heed the call of Americans and Iraqis alike, and provide an exit strategy from Iraq. The latest polls show that a large and growing number of Americans and Iraqis are opposed to the U.S. occupation.

The views of the Iraqis were reflected in last month's Cairo conference when representatives of all Iraqi factions called on President Bush to provide an exit plan from their country with a timetable.

"A majority of Americans and Iraqis want U.S. troops out of Iraq. So why do the President and Republicans in Congress refuse to give us an exit strategy with a timeline?" asked Tom Matzzie, Washington Director of MoveOn.org Political Action.

"Congress should respect the Iraqi people who oppose our presence, and the majority of Americans who oppose the President's failed policy. It is time for Congress to support an exit plan with a timeline that brings our troops home by the end of 2006," Matzzie concluded.

The TV ads are part of a campaign that included the delivery of 400,000 petition signatures to Congressional district offices Wednesday, demanding an exit strategy with a timeline, and TV ads that ran over Thanksgiving in eight congressional districts.

The new TV ad will run in the Congressional Districts of Heather Wilson (NM-01), Jim Gerlach (PA-06), Curt Weldon (PA-07), Mike Fitzpatrick (PA-08), Deborah Pryce (OH-15), and Dave Reichert (WA-08). These representatives have failed to support an exit plan.

In a recent poll quoted by Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), ranking member of the House subcommittee on Defense, commissioned by the British Ministry of Defense, 82% of Iraqis are “strongly opposed” to the presence of coalition troops.

A script of the ad follows.

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TV :30

“Polls Show” R3

VIDEO

THROUGHOUT THE SPOT WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A SERIES OF STILL SHOTS OF ORDINARY IRAQI PEOPLE, CHILDREN, ADULTS. THESE WILL BE EMOTIONAL, CLOSELY SHOT, PORTRAITS THAT LET OUR AUDIENCE SEE WHAT THEY RARELY SEE, THE FACES OF REAL PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES IN IRAQ. OVER ONE OF THE PORTRAITS WE WILL SUPER: “MOST IRAQIS WANT OUR TROOPS TO LEAVE”.

AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): A shopkeeper in Baghdad. A family in Mosul. Kurds. Shiites. Sunnis. Some are glad we came. Some aren't. Iraqis rarely agree on anything. But, a recent poll shows that most Iraqis think our troops should leave their country.

VIDEO

CUT TO A SHOT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING. IN WHITE TITLES SUPER: “CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE: (202) 225-3121”.

AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): Their election is over, yet George Bush doesn't have an exit timeline. So it's up to Congress to bring our troops home. Call your representative today.

VIDEO

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AUDIO

ANNOUNCER (VO): MoveOn.org Political Action is responsible for the content of this advertisement

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