



Call-in script to ask your Senator to oppose the war in Iraq!

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Senator's office: Hello?

You: Hello, this is – *your name* – from – *your town and state*. May I please speak with the staff member who specializes in foreign relations? (If he/she is not there, please ask to leave a message in voicemail.)

Senator's office: Sure, please hold while I transfer you...

Staffer: Hello?

You: Hello, this is – *your name* – from – *your town and state* – and I belong to – *your local church*. I wanted to thank Senator XX for her/his very thoughtful positions on Iraq in the past. I appreciate that she/he understands Iraq is a complex issue and I hope she/he continues to analyze the matter in this way. I'm calling today to encourage Senator XX to do everything she/he can to bring our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan. I feel Congress has the constitutional right and a moral responsibility ***to withdraw all U.S. soldiers and contractors from Iraq on a binding schedule***. Could you explain the Senator's positions on troop withdrawal and the Iraq strategy?

Staffer: Sure. Senator XX thinks....

You: As a person of faith, peace is an issue that I feel strongly about. My church, the United Church of Christ, is running a national petition campaign and currently has more than 50,000 signatures of people who oppose the war in Iraq. Rev. John Thomas, president of the UCC, is/was in Washington DC on Wednesday (Oct. 10) delivering these petitions to Senate and House majority and minority leadership offices. He also attempted to deliver the petitions to the White House. My local church has participated in this campaign and – *insert personal story about the campaign*. (It is also helpful to let the Senator know how the Iraq war is affecting *you, your family and your community*.)

Staffer: Yes, I understand this is a hard issue. We will be seriously considering solutions to this war in the coming months.

You: Great. I will be checking back in to see how the Senator uses her/his power to bring our troops home.

Staffer: Sure, that's fine.

You: Thank you for speaking with me today. I look forward to following up with your office.