

# Phillies 2008

## End the War On Iraq

For nearly four thousand Americans, their relatives, and their families, peace with Iraq is now too late. Those four thousand Americans made the ultimate sacrifice for their country: They died fighting a pointless war in a distant foreign land. We cannot undo the sacrifice that they made. We should seek to ensure that more Americans do not go forth, courageously, only to make the same sacrifice in the remote desert sands of Iraq.

Our original war aims, whether sensible or misguided, at least made sense in English. We invaded Iraq to pursue President Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. We invaded Iraq to end collaboration between Iraq and terrorists. We invaded Iraq to remove President Hussein from power.

We did those things. There were no WMDs in Iraq. The Iraqi government hated Al Qaeda. President Hussein had nothing to do with September 11. Now President Hussein has had his appointment with the hangman. The original mission may have been pointless, but that's no fault of our servicemen or their relatives and families.

It's time to bring the War on Iraq to an end. It's time to bring our men and women home from Iraq. It's no criticism of our military's dedication or courage to say that further fighting is futile. No matter when we leave, the Iraqis will still face their national problems. Iraq's problems are problems the Iraqis must solve for themselves. Our intervention only wastes American lives.

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