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MILITARY FAMILIES FROM 31 STATES PARTICIPATE IN MARCH ON WASHINGTON, ASK CONGRESS TO DEFUND WAR

January 27, 2007, Washington DC – Over 150 military families, members of **Military Families Speak Out**, gathered in Washington DC for the national march and rally organized by United for Peace and Justice. Military families called on Congress to vote against the upcoming appropriation request that would allow the war in Iraq to continue. Military Families Speak Out (MFSO), an organization of over 3,200 military families who are opposed to the war in Iraq, is the largest organization of military families opposing a war in the history of the United States.

“The newly-elected Congress must vote to support our troops by de-funding the war in Iraq,” said **Brenda Hervey** of Sioux City, Iowa whose son was seriously injured in November, 2006 while serving his second deployment in Iraq under stop-loss orders. *“The lives of our brave soldiers as well as the lives of thousands of Iraqis are at risk each and every day that this war continues.”*

“A number of Senators and Members of Congress are saying they will to vote in favor of the upcoming supplemental appropriation that will allow the war in Iraq to continue, because they won’t ‘abandon they troops’” said **Anne Chay** of Andover, Massachusetts whose 19-year old son is currently serving with the Army in Baghdad. *“But leaving my son and all the other troops in Iraq to fight and die in an unjust and unjustifiable war – that is abandoning our troops.”*

Military families attending the march and rally included members from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia, and will also include MFSO members from Washington, D.C.

MFSO members will continue to visit Congressional offices on Monday January 29 to tell Senators and Members of Congress to *Support Our Troops by De-Funding the War, Bring Our Troops Home Now and Take Care of Them When They Get Here.*

For more information about Military Families Speak Out, please visit: www.mfso.org