

AMERICA STANDS WATCH

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Iraq Veterans will Lead Action Inside the House and Senate Chambers Confront Returning Members of Congress on September 4th

Letters inform Congress about upcoming action's message:
Americans are done waiting for them to act to end the Iraq War

This week, AmericaStandswatch.org sent letters to each member of Congress, telling them that "We tried voting. We tried marches. We tried writing letters and making phone calls. Now we're coming to the House and Senate chambers. We're done waiting for Congress to do its job." (See www.AmericaStandWatch.org to view the letters to the House and Senate in their entirety.)

With the Iraq War well into its fifth year, and American and Iraqi casualties mounting daily, the American public expects Congress to end this war, not manage it. Polls show public support for the war continuing to drop, and American Stands Watch aims to confront Congress with that sentiment directly, inside the House and Senate chambers.

America Stands Watch will bring citizens to the House and Senate galleries next Tuesday, as Congress reconvenes after its summer break. Participants will enter the congressional galleries as tourists. A group of veterans of the Iraq war will lead the action – at their signal, participants will rise to their feet to stand watch over Congress.

Because this action is being organized over the internet, most participants will not know who else is part of the action until the veterans give the signal to stand.

"We're going to remind our Senators and Representatives that the American people are watching them. Congress must put an end to this war or continue its slide into irrelevance." said Jethro Heiko, one of the co-founders of the action.

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