

To Our U.S. Senators and Representatives

Congress in Its Finest Hour: Restoring American Integrity, Honor, and Democracy

We, your constituents, as deeply concerned American citizens, urgently request that you take action in the four areas outlined below to repair the substantial damage done by the Bush Administration and to restore integrity, honor and democracy to the United States.

**Asterisks indicate sources and citations on a separate attachment.*

1. Investigate the Omissions and Distortions of the 9/11 Commission Report

The 9/11 Commission Report is fatally flawed, being based entirely on the initial hasty story of 19 Arab hijackers led by Osama Bin Laden, a claim for which the FBI admits it has “no hard evidence.”* As a result, the greatest crime in U.S. history has never been criminally investigated.

- Most of the Commissioners had serious **conflicts of interest**.*
- The co-chairs later admitted they were “**set up to fail**” and were lied to. **Witnesses committed perjury**, yet no one has been prosecuted.
- Most of the **critical questions by the victims’ families were ignored or unanswered**.*
- The evident **controlled demolition of World Trade Center Building 7*** on the afternoon of 9/11/2001 was not addressed, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has delayed issuing its report for over two years. WTC 7 housed several government offices (SEC, CIA, IRS, DoD, Secret Service, NY Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management). The SEC office was investigating the Enron and WorldCom scandals, and evidence of stolen billions was lost forever.
- A Sept. 2007 **Zogby Poll** shows **51% of Americans want Congress to probe Bush and Cheney on 9/11 attacks; 67% fault the 9/11 Commission for not investigating WTC7**.*

Action: Support a new independent, well-funded investigation, with subpoena powers, representation by stakeholders, and the release of all documents and testimony from the 9/11 Commission.

2. Impeach Cheney and Bush and Remove Them from Office

- The Constitution says Congress **shall** impeach for high crimes and misdemeanors; it is not discretionary.
- Acts by Cheney and Bush constitute **high crimes and misdemeanors**.*
- **Eighty-three American cities and towns have passed impeachment resolutions; 50% of the people favor impeaching them** (54% for Cheney; 45% for Bush in the July 5, 2007 American Research Group poll; **69% of Democrats favored impeaching Bush and 75% of them favored impeaching Cheney** in the same poll).
 - Waiting 16 months for a new administration would give them the opportunity to **start another baseless war**, most likely in Iran, and could result in **martial law and a police state in the U.S.**

Action: For Representatives, co-sponsor H.Res. 333 to impeach Cheney now. For Senators, vote to convict.

3. End the So-Called “War on Terror”

- Acts of terror are carried out by individuals and factions, not states. Such acts should be criminally investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice, not innocent people killed, maimed, tortured and “disappeared.”
- There was no connection between 9/11 and Iraq. *None*. President Bush has admitted this.
- This war is making us less safe and is costing us our future and our children’s future.
- The war is propaganda—a war on people’s minds and on civilized discourse.
- World-wide, the majority of people are more terrorized by the actions of this administration and its state-sponsored terrorism than of any specific terrorist group.
- The way to support our troops is to refuse to deploy them in wars based on lies.

Action: Stop the funding for wars in Iraq and elsewhere, and bring the troops home now.

4. Restore Our Constitutional Rights *(see Supplement)*

The honored American traditions of the rule of law, separation of powers, and the primacy of human rights have been desecrated by the President, with the approval of Congress. The following actions and policies are currently in force:

- Spying on citizens without cause.
- Tapping telephones and email without warrants.
- Kidnapping, imprisoning, and torturing people without real trials.
- The suspension and negation of the Bill of Rights and the Writ of Habeas Corpus.
- Violations of the Geneva Conventions by targeting civilians.
- Seizing the property of anyone deemed to be helping the Iraqi opposition (which could be interpreted as anyone in the U.S. peace movement).

The Legislative Branch cannot give away to the Executive Branch rights that the Constitution guarantees to the People.

Action: Restore our constitutional rights and cherished liberties by enacting legislation to overturn and undo these laws and executive orders.

- Proclaim and insist that in wartime, as in peacetime, the American system of government includes three branches, and the President’s first job is to take care that the law is faithfully executed.
- Shut down Guantanamo and bring the prisoners there within our borders.
- Amend the “material support” laws by requiring proof that an individual’s support was intended to further terrorist activities and ensuring that blacklisted groups have a meaningful opportunity to defend themselves.

It is our fervent hope that you will add your name and voice to supporting these measures, including pushing for impeachment and in the other ways we have outlined here. It could be the most important thing you do in office – and for our country. We are certain that history will regard it as ***your finest hour***.

We stand ready to help you in any way we can.

IMPORTANT: Please see also addendum on misprision.