



Rep. Anna G. Eshoo

Statement of Rep. Anna G. Eshoo
First Amendment to the *Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008*
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Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to continued war funding for Iraq.

I voted against the war and have never wavered in my opposition to the Administration's misguided policies in Iraq.

It has been a long and painful five year journey for the people of our country since the Administration acted preemptively and unilaterally to invade and occupy Iraq.

Military leaders, the best minds in foreign and economic policy, and the vast majority of the American people have been resoundingly clear: The Administration's war-without-end policy is not a strategy for success.

As Retired General William Odom, former Director of the National Security Agency under President Reagan and member of the National Security Council under President Carter stated, "Getting out of Iraq is the pre-condition for creating new strategic options."

I cannot support war funding without a clear exit strategy in sight. It is bad for our troops, our country, and our standing in the world.