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Supports House Bill to Responsibly Redeploy U.S. Troops

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Anna G. Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, released the following statement after voting for H.R. 2956, the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act, which the House passed by a vote of 223 to 201. The vote came on the same day as the release of the White House Interim Report on Iraq. The Report indicates that the Iraqi government has failed to meet key benchmarks endorsed by the President in January and that political reconciliation in Iraq is non-existent.

"On Thursday, July 12th I voted once again to bring the war in Iraq to an end. The Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act (H.R. 2956) requires the redeployment of U.S. troops in Iraq to begin within 120 days and to end no later than April 1, 2008. This proposal is consistent with the advice of our nation's top military and foreign policy experts and it ensures the safety of our troops who are still in harm's way. Very importantly, it reflects the will of over 70% of the American people who want a redeployment of our troops from Iraq.

"I voted against going to war in 2002 and I've made every effort since then to bring about policy change in Iraq. Since the beginning of this year, I have voted for and the House has passed legislation to reject the President's proposal for a surge in Iraq, set a timeframe for withdrawing troops, and establish clear, binding benchmarks for the Iraqi government to meet.

"We need a bipartisan effort to end what I believe is the worst foreign policy blunder in the history of our country and bring our troops home. They are the ones who have suffered the brunt of funerals and injuries and their families have sacrificed mightily.

"We need to create a way home for them, rebuild alliances in the region, and reestablish our nation's credibility."

Related information:

- Text of H.R. 2956, the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act.
- More on Rep. Eshoo and the Iraq War.

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