

THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN:

***THE COST: 1,300 Service Members
Killed and \$335 Billion Taxpayer
Dollars Spent***

**Join the Out of Afghanistan Caucus to support a
responsible end to the longest war in U.S. history**

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Dear Colleague,

In recent weeks, the American public has been inundated with bad news coming out of Afghanistan. From the difficulties imposing stability and governance following the recent offensive in Marja to the reports of rampant corruption from the Karzai government, there is little, if any, evidence that the recent troop surge is succeeding in bringing the war to a close.

As our national debt creeps higher every day and the Congress struggles to find ways to pay for critical services at home, we must also acknowledge the fiscal costs of continuing to pursue a war with questionable national security benefits. The Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have cost the American taxpayer over \$1 trillion since 2001. One need only to speak to a constituent facing foreclosure or struggling to find a job to think of ways this money could have been better spent.

The Afghanistan War has devolved into a quagmire that lacks a clear purpose, identifiable goals and deliverable objectives. If we cannot show the American people that our policies are improving conditions on

the ground, then the President and the Congress have an obligation to end this war.

We invite you to join the bipartisan Out of Afghanistan Caucus to strengthen our national security and support our troops by bringing them home. If you would like to join the Caucus, please contact Michael Darner (michael.darner@mail.house.gov) at 5-5126.

Sincerely,

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