

# The Occupation Project

A Campaign of Sustained Nonviolent  
Civil Disobedience to End the Iraq War



Beginning Feb 5th 2007 ♦ Initiated by **VOICES** for Creative Nonviolence

June 21, 2007

Senator Charles Grassley  
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Grassley:

We are members of the Iowa Occupation Project, a campaign of sustained civil disobedience to end the Iraq War, who were arrested in your offices in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines on February 26 while imploring you to pledge to vote against funding of the criminal war in and occupation of Iraq.

We are deeply disappointed that you did not accede to our request and that subsequently you voted to continue to fund the senseless slaughter that claims more and more lives of Iraqi civilians and of American soldiers. This letter is to offer you another opportunity to get yourself on the right side of history and to meet your basic responsibilities as a senator, a citizen and a human being by pledging to vote against any and all further requests from the president to fund more war in Iraq.

Please sign the enclosed pledge and return it to our Des Moines office before the July 4<sup>th</sup> recess.

In the event that the pledge is not signed and returned, we will deliver another copy to one or more of your offices in Iowa and wait for your positive response. As was the case of the occupations of your offices in February, we assure you that further occupations will also be nonviolent and be clearly within the confines of the unabridged rights assured in the US Constitution “of the people to peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

This matter is extremely urgent and we hope to hear a positive response from you immediately. Please feel free to call us with questions.

Peace,

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PLEDGE TO VOTE AGAINST FUNDING FOR THE IRAQ WAR

I, Senator Charles Grassley, pledge to vote against any further funding requested for the continuing war and occupation in Iraq.

Signed:

Date:

Please return to Brian Terrell, c/o Catholic Peace Ministry, 4211 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312