

CWA Executive Board Supports April 29 Demonstration in NY "To End the War and Turn Our Country Around"

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CWA's Executive Board this week voiced support for the brave men and women deployed in Iraq and for a major demonstration April 29 in New York where labor activists, veterans and community groups, students and others will gather to demand that our troops be brought home. The demonstration also will call for a new focus on our needs here at home.

District 1 Vice President Chris Shelton told board members that several CWA locals in New York and New Jersey are active in organizing the demonstration. "A majority of Americans now agree that it's time to pull our troops out of Iraq, and we need to amplify that message to our political leaders," he said.

Public, Health Care and Education Sector Vice President Brooks Sunkett, who is active in the peace group U.S. Labor Against the War, noted that CWA called for winding down troop levels in a convention resolution as early as September 2004. "We are tremendously proud of the men and women of our armed forces, including many in our CWA family, who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. But it's now clear that the best way to support our troops and their families is to bring the troops home and out of harm's way."

CWA and other groups also are pointing to the fact that the war has siphoned hundreds of billions in funding for health care, job training, education, housing, infrastructure and the rebuilding of the storm-ravaged Gulf coast.

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Join a National Demonstration to End the War and Turn Our Country Around

Saturday, April 29, 2006 New York City

**A majority of Americans say –
*End the disastrous occupation and tragic loss of life in Iraq.***

**When politicians ignore the popular will –
*It's time for working people to stand up . . . speak out . . . and ACT!***

WHY SHOULD LABOR SPEAK OUT? The AFL-CIO and unions like the Service Employees; State, County & Municipal Employees; Communications Workers; Postal Workers; United Electrical Workers; and others representing millions of working people point to –

- A war based on lies that put our troops in harm's way, **killing more than 2200** and **wounding and maiming 20,000 more** (many of them coworkers and family of union members);
- National Guard and Reserve members taken from their jobs, families and communities for indefinite service (essentially a backdoor draft);
- Veterans' benefits and services cut at the very time their need is growing;
- A war costing hundreds of billions of dollars has siphoned funds from programs to meet human needs – for jobs, health care, housing, education, infrastructure, care for victims of disasters, rebuilding the storm-ravaged Gulf area, protecting our environment and more;
- Millions of our tax dollars funneled to corporate cronies of the Bush administration and growing corruption in government;
- 100,000 Iraqis killed, a majority of Iraqis turned against us, terrorism spreading, our nation and the world less, not more secure;
- In the name of "spreading freedom," our own civil liberties are threatened and Constitution undermined; the right to organize is under siege here while being denied to workers in Iraq;
- A war that has served as a smokescreen for a corporate assault on working people and our unions: pensions canceled, jobs outsourced & privatized, plants shuttered, working conditions eroded, immigrants scapegoated, and the social safety we fought so long to create in tatters;
- Tax breaks for the rich, subsidies for corporations, and the shaft for the rest of us.

On April 29, join trade unionists, religious and community groups, civil rights and social justice organizations, environmentalists, students and people from all walks of life to tell the government –

***End the War in Iraq! Dismantle U.S. Bases in Iraq!
Bring All Our Troops Home Now!
Fund Jobs, Health Care, Education and Housing –
Not Wars and Occupations!***

WE WANT A NEW DIRECTION FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD!

This demonstration has been called by U.S. Labor Against the War, United for Peace & Justice, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, National Organization for Women, Veterans for Peace, People's Hurricane Relief Fund, Friends of the Earth, the Climate Crisis Coalition, and National Youth and Student Peace Coalition (NYSPEC). It has been endorsed by – (list in formation, additional endorsements are invited):

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AFSCME District 1199c Hospital & Health Care Workers, Philadelphia
AFSCME Locals 1549 & 2627, DC 37
AFT Local 1021, United Teachers Los Angeles & UTLA
AFT Local 1936, Pajaro Valley Fed. of Teachers
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AFT Local 2190, United University Professions, NY
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New Jersey Labor Against the War
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Vermont State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
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Endorsements by labor leaders with organization for identification

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