

Reference: Up-coming requests for war appropriations totaling approximately \$120 billion.

Dear Senator

The Bush administration soon intends to request from Congress an additional \$120 billion to support US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan through the end of fiscal 2006 and beginning of 2007. This sum would be in addition to the \$320 billion that has already been spent or approved by Congress for these wars.

Given this prospect, the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee, at its meeting of 4 February 2006, voted unanimously to urge you to vote against these anticipated war appropriations, and, if possible, organize a filibuster against them in the Senate.

Members of the Committee, in unity with the majority of Massachusetts citizens, ask that the futile, destructive, interminable, and costly wars in and military occupations of Muslim lands be terminated. It is evident, however, that the Bush Administration has no intention of ending these military adventures and is using war as a means of consolidating political power within the presidency. If Congress cannot persuade President Bush to end the occupations and lacks the votes to rescind its use-of-force resolutions, its Democratic contingent is at least sufficient to block funds required to perpetuate the war policy.

It is unacceptable that Congress should consider additional war appropriations soon after it cut some \$30-40 billion from social programs that target students, the elderly, and the poor. It is foolish to continue to spend vast sums to prosecute wars that allow neither military nor good political solutions. It is unconscionable to permit the national wealth to be consumed by war while major domestic needs remain unmet. The coats of the Bush wars could have been used in the service of health care, higher education, energy conservation, and restoration of collapsing national infrastructure. Enough is enough. Cut off the money for war.

We thank you for your work in behalf of true democracy over the years and hope you will do all in your power to force termination of war upon an unwilling Administration.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Hollocher, Secretary, the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee.

(the letter to Meehan would omit reference to a filibuster)