

Connecticut Opposes the War



Dear Friends,

On March 19, something truly remarkable is happening in Hartford. A broad coalition of organized labor, the religious community and community organizations from across the state are joining together to say, "Connecticut Opposes the War!"

Next month we will publicly commemorate the **3rd anniversary** of our government's military invasion of Iraq.

Since 2003, we have **sadly witnessed** more than 2,262 confirmed U.S. military deaths, over 16,650 U.S. wounded and tens of thousands of Iraqis killed and injured in their homes, shopping, on their way to school, or at work. Our sons and daughters are the human cost of this invasion and occupation. The fabric of Iraqi society has been shredded. **There is no security** for the people of Iraq; drinkable water, regular electricity, and even gasoline are severely limited. Health care services have collapsed. The vast majority of the adult population is unemployed. The foreign occupation has disintegrated the different Iraqi communities and a terrible civil war threatens the present and future.

Our federal government has spent nearly \$6 billion of CT taxpayers money (\$240 billion nationwide) and President Bush is asking Congress for tens of billions more. To paraphrase Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., **every bomb dropped, every rocket fired on Iraq, explodes in our communities.**

We formed **Connecticut Opposes the War** to act decisively until the U.S. ends its occupation of Iraq. We are organizing events in Connecticut and participating in national mobilizations.

We invite you to join us on **March 19, 2006, to rally at the Old State House** in Hartford and march to Senator Joe Lieberman's office. •We urge you to formally endorse this march. •We ask you to bring your members, with banners, posters, or flags and join thousands of others to publicly display your opposition to this ongoing war. •We invite you to join in building participation in a **giant national march on April 29** in New York and organizing demonstrations at the CT Republican and Democratic conventions in May.

Please fill out form below and return with a check to **Connecticut Opposes the War**. Let us together **stand up, speak out, march, rally, and vote** until we stop this war.

Sincerely,

CT AFL-CIO; CT American Federation of Teachers; CT Citizen Action Group; CT Coalition for Peace & Justice; CT Labor Against the War; CT National Organization for Women; CT State Representatives Andy Fleischmann, Evelyn Mantilla, David McCluskey, Denise Merrill, Melissa Olson, Brendan Sharkey, Toni Walker; CT State Senators Jonathan Harris, Toni Harp; Charter Oak Cultural Center; District 1199, SEIU; Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Greater Hartford United Nations Assn.; Greater New Haven Peace Council; Hartford Catholic Worker; Interfaith Coalition for Equity & Justice; Media Education Foundation; Peace Action of Greater Hartford; Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice; United Auto Workers CT State Council; W. Hartford Citizens for Peace & Justice; Witness for Peace, New England; Veterans for Peace, Central CT.

Sign Up to Attend: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ctow;

Email: CTopposesWar@yahoo.com

<p align="center">✂</p> <p>We endorse CTOW's efforts to end the war on Iraq.</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Organization:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>City, State, Zip:</p> <p>Phone: Fax:</p> <p>Email:</p>		<p>Enclosed is <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 to support CTOW.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Computer & internet work <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phoning <input type="checkbox"/> Writing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>
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Peace & Justice, memo "CTOW," PO Box 271806, W. Hartford, CT 06127-1806.