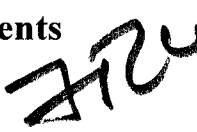

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To: 10th District Residents
From: Rep. Frank Wolf 
Date: June 8, 2007
Re: Iraq & The Iraq Study Group

Knowing of your continued interest in Iraq, I wanted you to be aware that the legislation I have been working on with several of my colleagues to make the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group – also known as the Baker-Hamilton Commission – serve as the way forward in Iraq was introduced in the House on June 5.

The bill (H.R. 2574) has 45 original sponsors: 26 Republicans and 19 Democrats. An identical version of the legislation was introduced in the Senate the same day. It has nine original sponsors: 5 Republicans and 4 Democrats. It is listed as S. 1545.

As I have said many times before, the Iraq Study Group, in my mind, meets the test of developing a consensus on how to succeed in Iraq. The bipartisan commission, which included Bob Gates until he was nominated to be secretary of Defense just before the report was released last December, worked diligently for nine months in coming up with its 79 recommendations. The group met with military officers, regional experts, academics, journalists and high-level government officials as it assessed the situation on the ground and developed strategies for the way forward.

We all want to see stability in Iraq and an end to the fighting, as well as an end to violence perpetrated by terrorists around the world. When we are together, we are strong. When we are divided, we are weak. I believe the best way forward is for both the Congress and the president to embrace the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

Like you, I continue to pray for the protection of the American service men and women and civilians who are putting their lives on the line every day and also for their families here at home who continue to make tremendous sacrifices.

I hope this information is helpful.