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Dear Cath,

Last week, the House of Representatives held its first extended debate on the war in Iraq since the initial vote to authorize the use of force three and a half years ago. I spoke on the floor of the House against a cynical, one-sided resolution and to express my opposition to the war.

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I voted against authorizing the preemptive attack on Iraq in October 2002, and many of the fears I had then have, unfortunately, since come to pass -- the lack of weapons of mass destruction, the Bush administration's poor handling of the postwar conflict, and the unprecedented decline of our nation's standing around the world. Our troops remain in constant danger and Iraq now teeters on the edge of civil war. Like many of my colleagues, I support Rep. John Murtha's plan to withdraw our troops from Iraq as quickly and safely as possible while leaving a rapid deployment force in the region. The best way to support our troops is to bring them home.

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I will continue to work in Congress to end the Iraq war. Please feel free to pass this information to your family and friends, and [to sign up for future email updates on my work in Congress, click here.](#)

Sincerely,
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Member of Congress



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