Madam Speaker,

As millions of Americans mailed out their tax returns this week, many were concerned that their hard earned tax dollars will be sent straight to Iraq. We have already spent $44 billion rebuilding Iraq, and the war costs our nation $10.3 billion a month.

We have families struggling here at home that can't pay their bills, are losing their homes,and don't have health care- while the Bush administration is spending $10 billion a month on a war that shows no end in sight and no plan for success.

Our monthly investment in Iraq translates into spending $339 million there every single day.

Taxpayers are probably wondering how we could better invest that money here in the U.S. The $339 million we spend in Iraq a day could provide 48,000 homeless veterans with a place to live, or we could ensure that 317,000 kids receive the vaccinations they need to live healthy young lives.

Madam Speaker, House Democrats vow to fight to ensure that American tax dollars are used to rebuild America, not Iraq.

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