



Please sign US Labor Against the War Petition
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Colleagues...

At the Spring Delegate Assembly, we passed a resolution calling on UUPers to become more educated about the wars in Iraq and Afganistan. The message below was forwarded by Michael Zweig (from Stony Brook), who is our delegate to USLAW. Please take a moment to sign the petition (see links below) calling on Secretary of State Clinton to speak our on labor rights.

In Union....

Phil

US Labor Against the War

USLAW AFFILIATES NEWS

Dear Affiliates:

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Prior to the holiday, USLAW sent an appeal to its requesting affiliates, members, supporters and allies circulate a petition to Secretary of State Clinton to speak out for labor rights in Iraq. The initial been encouraging but we recognize that the holiday have led some to put off following through.

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campaign. We

The only way a petition like this will be effective is thousands of working people sign it. That requires we beyond USLAW's list and get others to promote the need the campaign to go "viral."

steps:

If you have not done so, please take the following

1. Publicize this campaign to your own members.
2. Send out the link to your own email lists and

urge them to

and
organization's
message below
to members:

sign.
3. Start with your leadership - officers, stewards
activists.
4. Ask them to talk it up in the workplace.
5. Promote the campaign and link to it on your
website. (Copy and paste some or all of the
or use this URL as the link in your own message

<http://uslaboragainstawar.org/IraqLaborRightsCampaign>
other electronic
regional/district
organization
up and
social justice
their support

6. Ask them to put it on Facebook, Twitter and
social networks to which they belong.
7. Request that your CLC, State Federation,
bodies, other locals/affiliates of your parent
and the national organization itself also take
publicize the campaign.
8. Make allied organizations in the antiwar and
movements aware of the campaign and request
and involvement.

Michael

If you need more information or assistance, contact
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initiative.

Thanks for your support of this important solidarity

SIGN THE PETITION

Since the invasion of Iraq in 2003, the U.S. and Iraqi governments have
continued to
enforce Saddam Hussein's 1987 law that bars unions and collective
bargaining in all
public sector and enterprise workplaces.

Iraqi unions have organized (at great risk and with great sacrifices) but
without the
protection of a basic labor law, even though the Iraqi constitution
requires one and
Iraq is signatory to the International Labor Organization Convention on the
right to
organize and bargain.

Union leaders and activists have suffered harassment, beatings, detention, torture and even assassination. Union offices have been raided and vandalized by US and Iraqi troops. Union bank accounts and assets have been frozen.

Through all this, the U.S. government has remained silent.

U.S. Labor Against the War has posted a petition that calls upon Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, as the principal foreign policy representative of the government, to speak out for labor rights in Iraq and press the Iraqi government to respect and protect the rights of workers and unions.

Please take a moment to sign the petition and add your voice to the international movement in solidarity with the courageous unions and workers of Iraq.

When we strengthen labor rights in Iraq, we also strengthen our fight for labor rights right here in the U.S.

SIGN THE PETITION HERE:

<http://uslaboragainstawar.org/IraqLaborRightsCampaign>

After you've signed, please forward this appeal to others or use the handy "Tell-a-Friend" form USLAW has created.

Thanks for all you do for peace and justice,

The Officers, Steering Committee and Staff of U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW)

If you value the work that USLAW does, please consider becoming an

associate

member and supporting USLAW with a donation.

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news, information and resources for labor's antiwar movement. See the
latest news about
Iraq's labor movement, the U.S. military occupation and the movement that
seeks to end
it. Learn more about USLAW and what you can do to bring all U.S. troops and
contractors
rapidly home.