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CT DELEGATION DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY ON IRAQ

WASHINGTON, DC ♦ Members of the Connecticut Democratic Congressional Delegation, Reps. Rosa DeLauro, John Larson, Joe Courtney and Chris Murphy, released the following statement regarding their unified stance on today's vote on the Iraq Supplemental:

□ **Today, we will vote the will of our constituents in Connecticut and the American people** voting against a measure that does not hold this Administration accountable for its failed policy in Iraq or set a new direction. We cannot in good conscience support a bill that keeps our troops in the middle of a bloody and chaotic civil war with no exit strategy and no timeline for redeploying our troops.

□ **The President's aversion to accountability was clearly demonstrated when he vetoed a bill earlier this month that would have increased the pressure on the Iraqi government to meet benchmarks and would ultimately allow the safe and responsible redeployment of our troops.**

□ **Without accountability we will continue to see more of the same** more daily reports of death and destruction in Iraq, more instability and violence in the region, and no clear end to the war in sight. As such, we will demand legislation that includes consequences for the Iraqi government if they fail to gain control of the country, and a plan to redeploy and then bring our troops home.

□ **While the President continues to ignore the will of the American people, we will not. We join together to send a clear message to the President that we do not accept his**

unfettered demands to escalate the war without restraint. Americans demand accountability from the Administration, responsibility from the Iraqis and an exit strategy that ends this war.

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