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Dear ,

Thank you for contacting me on President Bush's plans to invade Iraq. This is an important and timely issue and I appreciate receiving your views.

I support the President's call for military action to Iraq. It is the duty and responsibility of our elected government to protect and defend its citizens against all enemies, foreign and domestic. The President has the duty and authority to defend the safety and security of our nation in what he is calling for military action against Iraq.

As you know, H. R. 114, authorizing the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq, passed overwhelmingly in the House by a vote of 296-133 on October 10, 2002. I voted for the bill. I encourage the President for obtaining Congressional approval prior to taking military action. I believe that the President should have more solidarity and public support, as well as adequately addressing any concerns that may arise.

On September 12, 2002, President Bush addressed the nation and laid out his case for action against Iraq. As you may know, the President highlighted the fact that Iraq has not complied with a number of U.N. mandates established after the Persian Gulf War. The President also stated that Iraq's development of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction could pose a threat to our country. The President also stated that Iraq's ability to develop the technology to deliver such weapons threats. All of this evidence, I believe, overwhelmingly supports the President's call for military action against Iraq.

Although I understand the possible consequences of military action against Iraq, it is my belief that non-action is not a viable option. Iraq will continue to be a threat to our country and the world unless and until some action is taken. The President's call for action is a necessary step to prevent the further escalation of the Iraq regime. It is in this light that President Bush has called for action. I support the President's call for action against Iraq and I support him in that endeavor.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I hope you will continue to inform me of the issues that concern you. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit my Internet website at <http://www.house.gov/tancredo> where you can sign up for the Capitol Update, my weekly E-mail newsletter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tancredo
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