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Radio Ad Campaign Begins in Five States
MOVEON.ORG TO VISIT 100 SENATE OFFICES IN 12
HOURS,
URGING CENSURE OF GEORGE W. BUSH

Ordinary Americans Demand Reprimand
For President's Deceptive Rationale for Iraq War

Hundreds of Americans, dismayed to learn that the President knowingly made false claims about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and other intelligence, will personally visit every US Senator's home office throughout the day on Thursday, urging them to censure President Bush.

They will carry petitions signed by more than half a million Americans so far, demanding that Congress censure, or formally reprimand, the President for betraying the nation's trust.

WHO: MoveOn volunteers staging "walk-in" visits to home offices of their US Senators.

WHEN: Thursday, mostly between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. locally.

WHERE:

New York City: Office of Sen. Hillary Clinton, 780 Third Avenue, #2601.

Office of Sen. Charles Schumer, 757 Third Avenue, #17-02.

Los Angeles: Office of Sen. Diane Feinstein, 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., #915;

San Francisco: Office of Sen. Barbara Boxer, 1700 Montgomery Street, #240

MoveOn.org members will carry the petitions to their senators' offices in a series of evenly spaced "drop-ins" throughout the day, with each member also carrying a letter to the senator.

A 60-second paid radio announcement will be aired in Maine, New Mexico, Kentucky, Tennessee and Iowa, starting Wednesday, a \$50,000 initial buy. It will be the first significant advertising by MoveOn.org in those states.

“We’re putting Congress on notice that Americans are outraged. George W. Bush knowingly hyped and distorted intelligence to create a phony rationale for war,” said Peter Schurman, executive director of MoveOn.org.

“He knew the truth, but he hid it from us,” he added. “No matter how one feels about the appropriateness of the war, Americans agree that Presidents should not deceive the Congress or the people. Senators have an obligation to serve as a check on this sort of abuse. Checks and balances are meaningless unless Congress asserts itself at times like these.”

MoveOn.org launched the petition on Feb. 3, and by Monday had 532,000 responses. The energetic outpouring also carried MoveOn.org’s U.S. membership past the two million mark for the first time.

The petition signatories include more than 20,000 veterans and military family members, as well as citizens from both parties insisting that Bush misled the country about Iraq’s weapons and potential to harm America.