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AMENDMENTS TO THE WAR SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

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VIA FAX

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the members of Citizen Outreach Project from across the United States, I urge you to vote "YES" on the following amendments offered by Senator Tom Coburn to H.R. 1591, the emergency war supplemental.

* S. Amendment 648, which would strike \$100 million in emergency spending for the 2008 Republican and Democrat Presidential Candidate Nominating Conventions. These events are not emergencies and, if additional funding is warranted, Congress should provide those funds through the regular appropriations process rather than adding to the national debt.

* S. Amendment 649, which would strike a \$2 million earmark for the University of Vermont. This project is not an emergency and its inclusion in this bill violates the Senate earmark moratorium put in place by Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, who in December pledged to "work to restore an accountable, above-board, transparent process for funding decisions" and make earmarks "subject to new standards for transparency and accountability."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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