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**Hunter Statement for President Bush's Announcement of  
U.S. Troop Reductions in Iraq**

**Washington D.C.** – U.S. House Armed Services Committee Ranking Republican Duncan Hunter (R-CA) today released the following statement regarding President Bush's announcement of troop reductions in Iraq:

"This is a measured reduction taken as a result of a successful U.S.-led effort to defeat al-Qaeda terrorists and Iranian-support criminal elements. Further, the continued standup of the Iraqi military has allowed General Petraeus and our commanders in Iraq to transfer an increased portion of the security burden to the Iraqi forces.

"As the Iraqi Security Forces strengthen and conditions on the ground improve further, more U.S. troop reductions will follow."

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