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**“No matter where you stand on the Iraq War,
our veterans and troops deserve our support.”**

– Congressman Bart Stupak

Congressman Bart Stupak. Supporting America's Troops and Veterans.

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Dear Friend:

I am committed to serving the men and women who have answered our nation's call for military service, and am honored to represent our nation's veterans, servicemen and women, and their families in Congress.

I did not vote for the war in Iraq, and I am saddened over the unabated violence with no end in sight. I have and will continue to call on this Administration to develop a plan to transfer military security to the Iraqi government and bring our troops home.

Although I did not vote to authorize the war in Iraq, I robustly support the young men and women in the Armed Services who are putting their lives in harm's way every day. The sacrifices they—and all veterans—have made for our country deserve to be honored.

Sincerely,



Congressman Stupak talks with a First Congressional District veteran, who was injured in the Iraq war, about the medical care he is receiving at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Ensuring Our Troops and Veterans Receive the Care They Deserve

Our test as a Congress and as a nation is how we respond to the problems in military and veterans' health care.

That's why Congressman Stupak supported the **Wounded Warriors Assistance Act of 2007**, which addresses the problems facing wounded service members. This legislation increases the number of physicians at VA hospitals and creates a group of advocates and counselors for injured troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. This legislation improves training of health care professionals, medical case managers and patient advocates, and establishes a hotline for patients and families to report problems.



Congressman Stupak talks to local veterans about improving health benefits.

Treating Veterans' Physical and Psychological Injuries

According to recent analysis, 17 percent of Army soldiers and Marines returning from Iraq screened positive for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Other research has indicated that as many as 1 out of 100 veterans who served in Iraq have experienced thoughts of suicide. That's why Congressman Stupak co-sponsored legislation to help prevent veteran suicides by requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop programs that screen and treat psychological injuries like depression, PTSD, and substance abuse.

Honoring Our Fallen Soldiers

Congressman Stupak introduced two bills that honor our fallen soldiers and pay respect to their grieving families. The first is an amendment that requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to transport a fallen service member's remains to the airport closest to his or her family. DoD was forcing some rural military families to drive hundreds of miles to meet the remains of their fallen loved one. Our military families deserve better.



He also authored **Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act** of 2007, named after a soldier from Rapid River who was killed in Iraq. This legislation ensures that when a fallen soldier, marine, airman or sailor is laid to rest, all federal agencies in the state must fly the American flag at half-staff upon a governor's proclamation. This bill was signed into law earlier this year.



For more information, please visit my website at www.house.gov/stupak

1. The war in Iraq is not working and I'm fighting in Congress to change the course. I want to hear what you think. Do you believe we should:

- Stay the course
- Continue to fund the war, but set a timetable
- Redeploy our troops
- Immediately withdraw
- Other: _____

2. Congressman Stupak, here's what's on my mind:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please sign me up for Congressman Stupak's e-newsletter.

Congressman Stupak Announces New Vet Center

Congressman Stupak is proud to announce that the Department of Veterans Affairs opened a new Vet Center in Escanaba at 3500 Ludington Street, Suite 110. They can be reached at (906) 233-0244. This new facility will provide important services not only to the many veterans living in the region, but also to veterans that will be returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans who served in combat are eligible for services at a VA center at no cost, as are their families for military-related care.