

4 years of war and occupation; **4** years of death and destruction; **4** years of a war that never should have happened; **4** years in which Vito Fossella has refused to meet with us.

March 19th marks the 4th anniversary of war and occupation of Iraq which has now become one of the nation's longest military engagements.

Peace Action of Staten Island (PASI) is calling on every Staten Islander and every constituent to join and support us at Vito Fossella's office on Friday to say he must talk to us!

We demand that Vito Fossella sit down and talk to us. We are veterans of Iraq and other wars, we are parents of soldiers currently in uniform, we are students, we are grandparents. We are *Vito's* constituents. **For 4 years he has refused to meet with us.**

Our goals are that he take action on these demands:

- an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Iraq;
- an end to the funding of this war except for the safe withdrawal of our armed forces;
- no military attacks on Iran;
- full funding of veterans' benefits;
- aid to reconstruct Iraq under Iraqi control;
- the redirection of our tax dollars for social programs at home.

Join with PASI at Vito Fossella's office on Friday at 9am to say **NO MORE!** If you can't be there send a letter to pasi.eblast@gmail.com to give to him.

Join us Friday, March 23rd at 9am at Representative Vito Fossella's office 4434 Amboy Road, Staten Island

We will deliver our letters to Vito and demand that he meet with us.

Some of Fossella's positions on the war:

Vito Fossella still thinks there's a connection between the Sept. 11th attack and Iraq.

Fossella voted yes on declaring Iraq part of the war on terror with no exit date. Fossella thinks the war is going well. In reality, the war is a war of occupation. It has become civil war and a quagmire for our soldiers. 3196 American troops have died. More than 34,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in 2006 alone. More than 1.5 million Iraqis have fled to neighboring countries. Baghdad has only 6.3 hours of electricity a day. Stay the course is not a plan.

Vito Fossella won't stop profiteering off the war in Iraq.

Fossella voted against the Waxman bill that would create more supervision and parameters for the granting of government contracts. Fossella supported the continuing awarding of contracts to Halliburton even after the Pentagon found that \$100 million of these

contracts were unreasonable.

Vito Fossella doesn't support veterans.

He received a C+ from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Association. He only received a rating of 66% from the Disabled American Veterans.

Vito Fossella is against providing health insurance for all service members.

Fossella voted against expanding access to military's Tricare health insurance program to thousands of uninsured reservists and National Guard members. 20% of Reservists don't have health care. 40% of reservists aged 19 to 35 lack health coverage.

Vito Fossella is against improving education for veterans.

Fossella voted against amending the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Act of 1998 which would have increased veterans' access to post secondary education.

Vito Fossella won't stop torture

Fossella voted against the Secretary of Defense assisting the Iraqi government in destroying AbuGhraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility.

Vito Fossella is against all service members earning a living wage.

He voted against the Stupak amendment that sought to raise the basic rate of pay to all military service members and to provide a \$1500 bonus to each person serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Vito Fossella is against improving rehabilitation to veterans

Fossella voted against the Stearns amendment to H10 which sought to increase funding for medical and prosthetic research by \$5 million.

Sources: www.publicintegrity.org
www.nydailynews.com www.opensecrets.org
www.govtrack.us www.iava.org

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