



November 9, 2007

**Re: Incorporate Provisions to Iraq War Supplemental which Apply Army Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogations Government-Wide**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”), America’s oldest and largest civil liberties union, its 53 affiliates and hundreds of thousands of Members, we write to urge your support for incorporating the provisions of H.R. 4114, which applies the Army Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogations government-wide, to the forthcoming Iraq war supplemental bill. We understand House Democratic leadership is considering adding this provision, among others, to its overall plan to tie President Bush’s supplemental war funding request to redeployment requirements for Iraq-based U.S. troops.

This provision is something on which both Democrats and Republicans can agree. After all, the Army Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogations provision modifies the Detainee Treatment Act by applying the standards of the Army Field Manual to all U.S. government interrogations, not just the Department of Defense.

Furthermore, the Army Field Manual standard is consistent with strong national security because it relies on the military’s expertise to establish effective interrogation techniques which have proven effective in extracting life-saving information from the most hardened enemy prisoners.

In addition, this proposal is an important step in assuring the American people that the United States is committed to ending torture, and restoring the rule of law. The United States is bound to refrain from torture and all forms of cruel and inhuman conduct by the Constitution, and an array of federal criminal statutes and Senate-ratified treaties. Ending torture is consistent with our laws and our values.

For the foregoing reasons we urge you to support including the Army Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogations provision to the Iraq war supplemental bill. Let us not forget that terrorists are after our way of life, our principles, and our values. This is a fight not just to defend Americans, but also American rights, liberties, and values.

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