Please sign US Labor Against the War Petition ....

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to:

Colleagues...

At the Spring Delegate Assembly, we passed a resolution calling on UUPers to become more educated about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The message below was forwarded by Michael Zweig (from Stony Brook), who is our delegate to USLAW. Please take a moment to sign the petition (see links below) calling on Secretary of State Clinton to speak our on labor rights.

In Union....

Phil

US Labor Against the War

USLAW AFFILIATES NEWS

Dear Affiliates:

Prior to the holiday, USLAW sent an appeal to its entire list requesting affiliates, members, supporters and allies to sign and circulate a petition to Secretary of State Clinton requesting her to speak out for labor rights in Iraq. The initial response has been encouraging but we recognize that the holiday break also may have led some to put off following through.

The only way a petition like this will be effective is if thousands of working people sign it. That requires we reach well beyond USLAW's list and get others to promote the need the campaign to go "viral."

If you have not done so, please take the following steps:

1. Publicize this campaign to your own members.
2. Send out the link to your own email lists and urge them to
3. Start with your leadership – officers, stewards and activists.

4. Ask them to talk it up in the workplace.

5. Promote the campaign and link to it on your organization's website. (Copy and paste some or all of the message below or use this URL as the link in your own message to members:

http://uslaboragainstwar.org/IraqLaborRightsCampaign

6. Ask them to put it on Facebook, Twitter and other electronic social networks to which they belong.

7. Request that your CLC, State Federation, regional/district organization bodies, other locals/affiliates of your parent and the national organization itself also take up and publicize the campaign.

8. Make allied organizations in the antiwar and social justice movements aware of the campaign and request their support and involvement.

If you need more information or assistance, contact Michael Eisenscher, USLAW National Coordinator [nationalcoordinator@uslaboragainstwar.org]

Thanks for your support of this important solidarity initiative.

SIGN THE PETITION

Since the invasion of Iraq in 2003, the U.S. and Iraqi governments have continued to enforce Saddam Hussein's 1987 law that bars unions and collective bargaining in all public sector and enterprise workplaces.

Iraqi unions have organized (at great risk and with great sacrifices) but without the protection of a basic labor law, even though the Iraqi constitution requires one and Iraq is signatory to the International Labor Organization Convention on the right to organize and bargain.
Union leaders and activists have suffered harassment, beatings, detention, torture and even assassination. Union offices have been raided and vandalized by US and Iraqi troops. Union bank accounts and assets have been frozen.

Through all this, the U.S. government has remained silent.

U.S. Labor Against the War has posted a petition that calls upon Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, as the principal foreign policy representative of the government, to speak out for labor rights in Iraq and press the Iraqi government to respect and protect the rights of workers and unions.

Please take a moment to sign the petition and add your voice to the international movement in solidarity with the courageous unions and workers of Iraq.

When we strengthen labor rights in Iraq, we also strengthen our fight for labor rights right here in the U.S.

SIGN THE PETITION HERE:
http://uslaboragainstwar.org/IraqLaborRightsCampaign

After you've signed, please forward this appeal to others or use the handy "Tell-a-Friend" form USLAW has created.

Thanks for all you do for peace and justice,

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Have you visited the USLAW website recently? www.uslaboragainstwar.org
Check it out for news, information and resources for labor's antiwar movement. See the latest news about Iraq's labor movement, the U.S. military occupation and the movement that seeks to end it. Learn more about USLAW and what you can do to bring all U.S. troops and contractors rapidly home.