

PUBLIC TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE IRAQ WAR

The Question: Do we stay or do we come home?



**Friday, April 21 Beginning at 6:30 pm
Hannaford Lecture Hall
University of Southern Maine, Portland**

“Each of the great social achievements of recent decades has come about not because of government proclamations, but because people organized, made demands, and made it good politics for governments to respond.”
- James Grant, former Exec. Dir. of UNICEF

The war in Iraq is now costing U.S. taxpayers over \$8 billion a month. Maine taxpayers share of this war has now grown to over \$910 million. Is this how you want your money spent? Do you think the Iraq war is working? Do you think the war represents the true interests of our people or is it really a war for control of oil?

We have invited Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Tom Allen and Mike Michaud to come and listen to the voices of Maine citizens. No matter whether one is for or against the war, it is our goal to provide a safe space for the taxpaying citizen to become part of the decision making process around the war. In a true democratic society, that should be the goal of each and every one of us.

Please join us on April 21 for this Iraq Town Hall Meeting at USM. Democracy only works if the leaders regularly listen to the people. This war is now our war. It is being fought in our name with our tax dollars. Come share your thinking with our Congressional delegation.

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