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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 11,

Dear Friend:

We share the sense of outrage which you and other Americans feel over the war in Southeast Asia. The recent invasion of Cambodia and the resumption of bombing of North Vietnam are only the latest in a long series of actions that mean more anguish and destruction on all sides.

We also share your sense of frustration in seeking to halt this endless war and senseless policy. We believe it is time Congress played the role assigned it by the Constitution in determining our involvement in military adventures abroad. This leadership role is admittedly long overdue.

This absence of leadership has had tragic results. We are shocked and grieved by the tragedy that occurred at Kent State on Monday. We share a sense of guilt because of the lack of alternatives provided by the Congress of the United States thus far. We hope our present effort will provide a meaningful alternative.

We urge you to direct your efforts to supporting Congressional action to cut off further funds for Southeast Asia except for the purpose of withdrawing troops safely and systematically, the exchange of prisoners, and asylum for Vietnamese who might feel threatened by our withdrawal.

This will come to a vote, probably within 30 days, when there will be an official roll call on this amendment requiring every Senator to go on record for or against continued funding of the war. Similar efforts are underway in the House of Representatives.

Will you do all in your power to generate public support for a victorious roll call to end the war? Your letters, phone calls, petitions and personal visits to your Senators and Congressmen are urgently needed now and during the next three or four crucial weeks.

Sincerely,

George McGovern  
Mark O. Hatfield  
Charles Goodell  
Alan Cranston  
Harold Hughes

## THE AMENDMENT TO END THE WAR

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ (a) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended in Vietnam after December, 1970, for any purpose arising from military conflict; Provided that, funds, may be expended as required for the safe and systematic withdrawal of all United States military personnel, the termination of United States military operations, the provision of assistance to South Vietnam in amounts and for purposes specifically authorized by the Congress, the exchange of prisoners, and the arrangement of asylum for Vietnamese who might be physically endangered by the withdrawal of United States forces, and Further Provided, that the withdrawal of all United States military personnel from Vietnam shall be completed no later than June 30, 1971, unless the Congress, by joint resolution, approves a finding by the President that an additional stated period of time is required to insure the safety of such personnel during the withdrawal process.

(b) Unless Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended after December 31, 1970, to furnish to Laos any military advisors, or to support military operations by the forces of the United States or any other country in or over Laos.

(c) Unless the Congress shall have declared war, no part of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act or any other law shall be expended, after 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to furnish to Cambodia any defense article or any military assistance or military advisors, or to support military operations by the forces of the United States or any other country in or over Cambodia.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the term "defense article" shall have the same meaning given such term under section 644 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.