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Washington, DC - Today, the House voted on supplemental funding legislation that was divided into two amendments, one to fund the Iraq War and one to improve veterans' benefits.

The first amendment provides \$161.8 billion to fund the war in Iraq through the summer of 2009. Rep. Tauscher voted against this amendment.

The second amendment provides an expanded GI Bill to guarantee improved education benefits for veterans and allow them to transfer those benefits to family members. The new GI Bill will restore full, four-year college scholarships to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to help make them part of an economic recovery like the veterans of World War II. The second amendment also includes a thirteen week extension of unemployment benefits for those workers who are unable to find a job in today's struggling economy. Rep. Tauscher voted in favor in of this amendment.

Rep. Tauscher released the following statement:

"President
Bush has proven time and time again that he is not capable of managing the war

in Iraq. Instead of responding to the will of the American people, understanding the realities on the ground, and listening to what experienced generals have to say, he marches on with a 'stay the course' policy that is leading to more deaths and is diminishing America's standing in the world.

"With gas prices soaring above four dollars and a generally slumping economy, I would much rather prioritize domestic relief to help American families and veterans than send the President another blank check to fund his failed strategy."

Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher

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