

# Ogden Middle School

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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
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May 13, 2005

Dear Ms. Hooley,

Enclosed you will find a collection of letters written by my 8th grade Social Studies class at Ogden Middle School in Oregon City.

As a relative newcomer to the teaching profession I am constantly exploring ways that I can make the Social Studies curriculum interesting and authentic. I encourage my kids to assign their own meaning to the topics we discuss and I infuse life lessons into our history, geography, economics, politics and the generalities of the Social Studies topics. I am frequently reminded of the effectiveness of this approach when I hear statements like, "This is why I love this class, we learn about life."

In the middle of April we completed our TESA exams, and to decompress I thought we as a class could depart from the usual curriculum to talk about something that had a more obvious application than, say Jacksonian Democracy. For many weeks leading up to this decision, my students were practically begging to discuss the War in Iraq. Apart from little bits of information at irregular intervals I planned a unit to help the kids come to terms with why we are there; what has happened, is happening, and will happen; and what they think about it. While the kids' natural curiosity sparked my desire to teach them about this, the true galvanizing event came when I was drilled about it in the middle of a lesson on the Mexican War. I obviously did not have the time to go into details at that moment, so I asked them to write their questions or thoughts on the war on index cards. I was astounded to see the understanding they have developed through watching little bits of the news, whether regular network, CNN, or MTV. The best example of this was a question regarding "Saddam Bin Laden". It was at this point that I realized we needed to address this war.

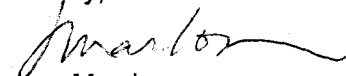
The culminating project of the unit was an authentic assessment piece that had a twofold objective: understand and practice your democratic voice, and express your opinion based on facts. The project was to write a letter expressing their opinion to their congressperson.

As you read these letters, please take note that they have not been edited and that they represent a wide variety of students. I have kids of a range of abilities and cultures and I think this is a marvelous cross-section of not only kids, but also of our population.

The kids are hoping to receive personal letters but I told them the best hope would be a typical form letter about the war. I truly am hoping that they will see the effectiveness of writing to Congress and feel their efforts are not in vain. **If it is at all possible would you mind drafting a personal letter to our class addressing this project and any thoughts you would like to include on the divisiveness and seriousness of this war?**

Thank you very much for your time. I hope that this is an avenue I can keep open with you and my future classes.

Sincerely,

  
James Mardon  
Social Studies Teacher

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington DC 20515  
April 29 2005

Dear Mrs Hooley

My name is Bryan Mason-McCaw. I go to  
Ayden Middle School. I am 14 and in  
8th grade. The reason for my letter is  
my views on the Iraq war. I believe  
that the war has no justification  
whatsoever. There was no connection  
I believe that Bush would of gone  
to war if the entire world  
said no. He went after Saddam  
because Saddam went after his  
daddy. Largest protest in recorded history!  
Sorry if I wasted your time.

A Student,  
Bryan McCaw  
Ayden

Dear, Darlene

1138 Longworth, HOB.

Washington, D.C. 20515

lately I have been thinking about the war in Iraq. I feel very bad for the innocent people who are stuck in the middle of all of this. I have one question. Iraq has a chance to be a free country for the first time in hundreds of years. So why are they killing each other to fight against us, when they already know that we are there to help and not take over their country. What more can we do to help bring peace to all the Iraqis?

Sincerely, Cristian Olson

Congress woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B.  
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April 29-2005

My name is Kyle and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. I live in Oregon City, OR. I have some questions about our current war. Why did we invade Iraq instead of a more dangerous country, like Iran? Was it because of fossil fuels or perhaps it was because our past with Iraq. Do you think that it is worth all the soldiers we are losing? I think that 87 per day are too many. Do you think that President George W. Bush is doing a good job? I personally don't think that he is, because we could have waited for support from the U.N.'s support. Another option is we could have just increased our homeland security. I think this was a bad idea because we have not found any W.M.D. although we have found some illegal missals I do not think it is worth all of our soldiers. Speaking of which why do we refuse our soldiers armor and translators. As you can probable tell from the rest of the letter that I am anti war, what are you anti or pro war?

Sincerely  
Kyle Schademan

Oleg Vygovskiy  
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Oregon City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
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April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Oleg Vygovskiy and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq. Which is why I'm writing this letter to you so I could give you my opinion of the war in Iraq. I see both sides of the war in Iraq, but my opinion on the war is that we shouldn't had went to war with Iraq but find a better and peaceful way of solving the problems we have with Iraq. The main reason why I'm against the war is because it is a war and when there is a war there are people dying and getting hurt. I hope in the future the war will end and Iraq will be rebuilt.

Thank you Mrs. Hooley for taking your time and reading this letter, I hope my opinion of a war would someday come true.

Sincerely,

Oleg Vygovskiy

Congresswoman, Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 1, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

How are you today? Good I hope! I'm Lea Kinney and I am a student at Ogden Middle School, in Oregon City. I'm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

I am writing you this letter for two reasons, one, because I have to do homework, and also because I wanted to give you my opinion on the war in Iraq. I support the war totally. I just don't agree with the way we went into the war.

I support the war because Sadaum Hussein was and is a very bad man and he needed to be captured. Also because he was a threat to our country. Innocent people in Iraq were dying because of him and his ruling. We needed to help them.

The thing I don't agree with was the way we went into the war. I think that we should have waited a little longer for other countries support on this. We probably should have waited for the U.N. to inspect Iraq before we declared war.

Other than that I support the war 99.9%. And I think George W. Bush made a good decision going into this war.

Thank you for reading this, and keep up the good work!

P.S.

Next time you see the President can you please say hi to him for me, and give him my best wishes?

Thank You,

*\*Lea Kinney\**

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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29 2005

Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Nicholas and im a student at  
Ogden Middle School in Oregon City, OR.  
I am writing this letter because I am cocerned  
because of the war in Iraq, I Dont think that  
our traupe need to be in Iraq I think the only reason  
are troops are over there is because of all  
of the oil. This war is costing our countrey  
way to much so it makes Americans pay more  
taxes eventhough we shouldnt be over there.  
The only thing thats happening over there is that  
were getting our troops killed. Well thats about  
it.

From

Nicholas

Palmer

Congresswoman, Darlene Hooley  
1130 longworth, H.O.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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*\*Lea Kinney\**



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Congress Woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B  
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Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Audrianna, I am a student at Ogden middle school. I am writting this letter to you so you can know my opition on the war. My teacher Mr. Mardon has told us alot about the war, and what started it. I think the press should have been more clear on what started the war. When we first started this section on Iraq I though the war started because they bombed the world trade centers, and the Al Qaida tryed to bomb the Pentagon. But the war was really started because we were looking for W.M.D but we have not found any. so why are we over there having americans die every day?

Thank you for your time,  
Audrianna Patterson.  
8th grade social studies, 1st period.

A.J. Fancher  
14133 S. Danabon  
OR City, OR 97155

Congresswoman Barbara Hooley,  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is A.J. Fancher and im a student at Ogden M.S. Our class is studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts about the war that I'd like to share with you. I think it's good that we went over to look for W.M.D, I mean could you imagine having that big of a disaster? But what I mean is if we want to give them a chance of democracy, we have to inforce it in some way. I think we need to keep troops over there until things are under control. I think the future in this is that their country will become more civilized, you know?, they are only human beings like the rest of us.

Thank you very much for your time. I hope that you take my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely,  
A.J. Fancher (A.J. Fancher)

Daniel Michels  
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OR City OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Daniel Michels and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and have some thoughts that I would like to share with you.

I was wondering about how long do we plan to stay there. I do think we need to be there because of terrorism and to help them build a better government. In the future I hope we can pull out but feel a little safer in that area. Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Michels

Dear Ms. Holey

Hi. I have some thoughts about the War in Iraq. I think that we should never have gone to war in the first place. Iraq didn't have any WMD, and we didn't have a good enough reason to go to war. I think that we should at least try harder to get help from more countries. Our troops are dying too fast. I'm against the war but I think that sense we already went through with it we should also supply some more armor for the soldiers and the vehicles. I hope this letter gets read. I want to be heard in America.

Sincerely, Tyler Mannat

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 30<sup>th</sup> 2004

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

I'm an eighth grader at Ogden Middle School in Oregon City. You're probably getting a lot of these letters at once, and I understand that this might be a little overwhelming.

As you might have guessed, this was a class assignment, and at first, that's all it was to me. We were supposed to write about our view on the war in Iraq, and I got a little nervous because I didn't know what my view was. I could see both sides of the argument and agreed with some reasons for going to war, and understood some reasons why we shouldn't have. I was going to write about what I just explained, that I didn't know what I thought. Then when I got home my dad showed me a documentary that he had got about Iraq called "Inside Iraq." I decided to watch it and after I did, I realised my opinion. The movie was neither pro-war nor anti-war, and at the end, through horrific photos, footage that made me contort my face in a way I don't even remember, and a woman saying that she wanted everyone (especially the U.S.) to see how they're suffering, I realised I was against the war in Iraq. I admit, I don't even really know why we

went to war in the first place. All I know is the present. I also have to admit that I don't always understand everything in the news about Iraq. I understood this movie. I understood pictures of the outlines of bodies burned onto a wall of once the safest bomb shelter. I understood footage of snipers shooting random people by their car. I understood the suffering we're putting those people through.

What's to become of Iraq? If we're still over there fighting in who-knows-how-many years, don't you think the Iraqi hatred towards America will grow? If we keep saying that we're their friend, then they get a letter saying a loved one was killed by U.S. troops, don't you think that'll just produce more terrorists?

Maybe I'm just ignorantly arguing. If I am, I apologize that I've wasted perfectly good time that you could have used to read someone else's letter who really knows what they're talking about.

Sincerely,  
Emily Carner

April 29, 2005

Congresswoman  
Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C 20515

Krystal Maden  
21372 S. Beaver Creek  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Krystal Maden and I am an eighth grade student at Ogden Middle School. We have been studying about the war with Iraq and there are some thoughts that I would like to share with you. I thought we were having this war because of 9/11 but now I understand that its because we wanted Saddam Hussein to lose power. This war has changed a lot of peoples lives because their family members or friends who have gone in the war have been badly injured or killed. We only went to war because of Saddam Hussein and because we were worried that he had weapons of mass destruction. Now that he is captured don't you think the war should be over? Its not fair that innocent people are fighting for their country and dying when the war should be over. Unless we find out that someone in

Iraq has weapons of mass destruction  
then we should end the war  
until we find out for sure  
that they have weapons. Thank  
you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Krystal Marden



Congress woman Darkene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O. B.  
Washington DC 20515

Nikolas watts  
17546 SE Paradise Dr  
Milwaukie, OR 97267

May 2, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Nikolas watts. I am a 14 year old middle school student at Oden Middle School in Oregon City, Oregon. I would like to talk to you about this war on Iraq. I do not have any friends or family currently in Iraq, but unfortunately there are thousands of family and family members that are. It is not worth all the lives that have been taken away, in my opinion and I am sure that there are many people with the same opinion. Though my opinion seems strong that I feel that there is no reason to take a life in the fighting over there, but I know we need to support and protect our country.

I do not know what your stand is on the war, but on the news you are a strong supporter of our troops, this is good, and I think that our troops are very brave and I too am a strong supporter. This is not the only reason why I think that this war is unnecessary, because of the financial problems that I think our country can not handle right now. We are spending billions of dollars over there to help them, but we still have our own sick and hungry people in our country.

I do not know how long this war will last, but I have had dreams of going to Harvard University and becoming a lawyer, but I am afraid that those dreams won't come true for me, I have the fear that I might get drafted, if the war lasts that long.

I have given you my opinion, and I feel you are a person that will read this with seriousness. I am not sure that my voice will be heard as loud as my personal feelings are but I do believe that our country supports its people and I hope that my opinion is somewhat justified. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Nikolas Watts,

P.S. If you have the time can you please write back Thank you.

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

2.5.05

My name is Holley Cho. I am a student at Ogden Middle School. The reason why I am writing this letter to you, is because I have some questions about the Iraq War. Our class has been studying about this war for a week or two. I would also like it, if you could listen to what I have to say.

In school, many of my classmates around me say that they think this war is pointless and that it should be stopped. I can't really say that it is, because if the United States stopped this war, then it would make us look weak, and you probably already know that it could lead to more terrorism.

The one thing that I must point out is that I don't think it's right to send so many young people to war. The reason why I think this is, because people shouldn't feel like they have to go so they could pay for college.

This could lead to people being drafted and going to jail for not wanting to fight in the war. It feels like taking an advantage of a young person's

life.

So my point about this was is that the people who wants to go to war should and the ones who don't shouldn't. Which means that just because they don't want to go doesn't mean that they're not proud of their country.

Mrs. Holley I thank you very much for taking you time to read this letter, I hope you'll be able to understand what I meant by this letter.

Sincerely,  
& Always  
Holley Cha

Keenan Moore  
14133 S. Donovan Rd.  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Keenan Moore and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our Social Studies class has been working on a unit for the war on Iraq and I have some thoughts and opinions that I would like to share with you.

I do not believe that the war on Iraq was justified, and I don't think we should be there now.

We should not have went to war overseas, because there were too many lives at stake. There were other big consequences as well, since there was no clear exit strategy. The threat of biological or nuclear weapons was also very large. And, without the support of the United Nations, the United States would be alone in the war, making the economic costs much too high.

Now that we have established a government and police force in Iraq, I believe they should be left to themselves. We completed what we were set out to do, so we shouldn't be risking more lives.

Although I do believe we should leave them to themselves, we should keep a close watch on their country to make sure the past doesn't repeat itself.

Since the United States did put Saddam Hussein into power, I fear the same thing will happen again. To prevent this, the Iraqi government should set up a government just like ours with the Separation of Powers. That way, no one branch could be too powerful, and the people of Iraq could have more freedom. Thank you for listening to my thoughts and opinions about the war with Iraq, Ms. Hooley.

Sincerely,

Keenan Moore  
Ogden Middle School  
8th Grade

Adam Trepanier  
14133 S Donovan Rd  
OR City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1138 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, DC, 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Adam Trepanier, and I'm a student at Ogden Middle school. Recently, we have been studying the war in Iraq in our Social studies class and I would like to share my opinions with you.

It was essential to the well being of the U.S. and several other nations to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq. Besides the fact that he attempted assassination of George Herbert Walker Bush, AND was believed to have weapons of mass destruction, he robbed, lied to, and killed his own countrymen for personal benefit. For the first time, Iraqi's can choose how they want to be governed. This is a vital step to spreading both Democracy and peace. It may not seem like an issue of concern to us, as we often forget the prices paid and the blood spilt to insure our freedom here in the

United States, but it is truly important.

As we look toward the future, there are several possible situations:

Al Qaida and it's leader Osama Bin Laden have yet to be stopped, the United States could possibly go to war with North Korea and/or Iran, and it is still a question whether Iraq will side with the U. S. On all of these scenarios, however, the American people must look to our leaders, like you, for guidance and strength.

Thank you,

Adam Trepanier



Samantha Byrd

Congress woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, Ho.b.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Samantha I am in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and I am 14 teen years old, and go to Ogden middle in Oregon City.

I don't get why we are in war with ~~with~~ Iraq. At first I thought it was because of Saddam Hosome and the evil things he did, but now that we captured him the war has no point to it. The president is just sending men and women to Iraq for no reason. The war is just killing people and wasting money and time. I wish the war would just stop but there's nothing I can do. The war scares me because two people I know have already got sent to war. My brother is almost old enough to be sent to go to war

I just hope its over by then.

Noelle Nielsen  
4/29/05  
per. #1

Congress Woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

my name is Noelle N. from Oregon City. I go to Oxn Middle School and I am learning about the war with Iraq right now in Social Studies class so that is what my letter is going to be about. Right now I'm not sure what my opinion on the war is. In some ways I am for it, and in other ways I am against it. I feel that we as a nation do have the right and obligation to defend our country, but I think we could of gone about it a different way. In the beginning I was all for this war, and all for what I thought was justice. I had thought that we were giving Iraq and Saudi Arabia what they deserved, for what they had done to us (the 9/11 attacks). But now I think it's all just one big mess!! I mean ya who knows what might have happened if we didn't go to war. We "could" of been attacked again but we don't know that for sure. I think this war should have ended a long, long time ago. In my opinion I think it should have ended after we caught Saddam Hussain. Currently, all this war is doing is wasting our time and money.

I think that we should just end it now and save ourselves a lot of energy. But then again I know it's not that easy. I'm not trying to be all "anti-war" or anything. I mean I am a proud American citizen like yourself. And I do support the fact that we are trying to serve justice here, but I just don't see how this is right. How continuous shooting and bombing to the point where people just ignore it when a building is blown up or when someone falls down dead in the middle of the street, I don't see how this is justice. Oh well I am done with my opinion now so I'd just like to end this with a question, you know the saying "what goes around, comes around". Well what's gonna happen when all this come back on us???

Sincerely, a concerned  
Citizen, Noelle N.

April 29, 2005

Congresswoman  
Dorlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.B. B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Shelby Tinker  
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OR City, OR  
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Dear Mrs Hooley,

my name is Shelby Tinker and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you. I thought we were having this war because of 9/11 but now I know it's because we want Saddam Hussein to lose power. I think that this war has changed a lot of peoples lives because their family and friends that have gone in the war have got killed. Now I have a few questions to ask you. Don't you think that if we only went to war because we were scared that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, but now that we have captured him wouldn't the war be over? It's not fair that innocent people are dying just to save our country when the war should be over. I think that the war should be over unless we find out that someone

in Iraq has weapons of mass  
destruction then we could go  
back, because people are  
dying and we don't even know  
if they have weapons of mass  
destruction. thats all i have  
to say, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Shelby Tinker

James W. Lucas III  
16901 S REDLAND RD.  
OREGON CITY, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 LONGHORN H.O.B.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

My name is James Walter Lucas III and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts I would like to share with you.

I have a mixed opinion on this war. I am not for or against this war. This war is not completely fruitless, some good things have come out of this, but from my perspective the bad outweighs the good.

Before the war Saddam Hussein was at the head of Iraq, people in Iraq were living quite poor. The United States government claimed that there were WMD in Iraq. In the early stages of this war the U.S. was looking for WMD (with no success I might add), Saddam was overthrown, and a new government was adopted. Now in the post-major conflict in this war, also a crucial part, Iraq has had

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their first election, terrorism is still  
threatening the newly adopted government.

I believe that in the close future  
you will not be able to just wake  
up in the morning to the end of this  
war. I don't believe that this war will  
end without something drastically changing  
in Iraq.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely

James W. Lucas



Stephanie Sturmer  
14133 S Donagan Rd  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Stephanie Sturmer.

I am writing this letter because  
I have thought about the war.

I think that Mr. George Bush forgot  
why we are in Iraq, and I think  
that he is wasting time. A lot of

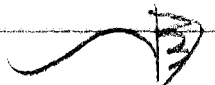
people I know are in Iraq and are  
in a class room knows someone  
that is in Iraq. I think that the

war needs to end because a lot  
of innocent people are being killed  
and a lot of people going to war.

I don't know enough about the  
war to think about it a lot but when  
I do think about it I wonder why and  
what are we really there for.


Love,

Stephanie



P.S.

I have a question, can people  
sign a signature with a  
Middle name?



Dani Matton  
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OR City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20519

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Dani Matton and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you. I think that the US is in a bad situation right now, because it seems that all we are doing is sending more and more people who are being killed. Even if the war is for a good cause, many people are losing family members and their loved ones. I'm not completely for the war but not at all against it,

I have the pros and cons for it. The part that is most effective on me would be how many people are being tortured and/or killed, people that were greatly loved and will be missed. Also, all of the children and families that are being greatly effected in Iraq when really, they have nothing to do with any of this. Something I'm happy about is that we got Saddam out of there and out of control of everything. Thanks for taking the time to hear my opinion on the War of Iraq.

Sincerely,  
Danni Matton

Chris Mortensen  
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OR city, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Chris Mortensen and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our social studies class have been studying the recent war in Iraq. And I have some things I would like to share with you about it.

I have a couple of opinions about the war. I think that going to war may have been a good thing and a bad thing. I believe that Saddam was a threat, he had used biological weapons on the Kurds before and was capable of using them on other countries. But I think that we went to war too soon, we should have waited for more help from other countries. Now we are stuck rebuilding Iraq mainly by ourselves, which seems to be hurting our economy. Some people may think that we went to war because of 9/11 but there is no link between Iraq and the attacks. There have been some successes in the war, we have caught Saddam, and other people who are a threat. Iraq is free from a dangerous dictator, and may have a better government on the way, but it seems that the war will take longer than expected and there is no clear exit strategy. I think the war will last a couple

more years. And more soldiers will be  
sent over there.

Matt Wall  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
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April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005

My name is Matt Wall and I'm an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been looking at opinions and studying the war in Iraq. My opinion on this war is that we should've gone in to get Saddam and stop Al Qaida but I don't think we needed to kill hundreds, even thousands of innocent people to find them. We should have left Iraq when we didn't find Weapons of Mass Destruction. We kind of helped them get back on their feet with a new government. I think we should help them, after all most of them have lost friends and family in this war. I think if we stay in there a lot longer we will spend way to much money. Well I guess that's all for now. and I want to know what your opinion is on this war. Why do you think

we are still over their in Iraq.

Sincerely

~~Matt~~ Wall



Jenny Gobel  
14133 S. Donovan Rd.  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2003

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Jenny Gobel and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our Social Studies class is currently studying the war on Iraq. I have many thoughts and concerns I'd like to share with you.

I always thought the reason we went into Iraq was because of terrorism, but Iraq had nothing to do with the 9/11 attacks. I then learned we entered this war because Bush was saying that he was a 100 percent certain that Iraq had W.M.D and that Iraq was a huge threat to the United States. Bush was so certain that we entered

Iraq with almost no approval from the U.N, thus starting the war we are currently involved in. From my understanding no W.M.D were found when that was our reason for war. If there are no W.M.D and Saddam is no longer in control of Iraq why are we still there? Is there anything very important I am forgetting or something I am misinterpreting? Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Gobel

TO: Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

From: Jessica Portras  
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April 29th, 2005

Dear Ms. Hooley,

I am Jessica Portras. I am a student at Ogden Middle School. I am fourteen years old and our class is studying the war in Iraq. The next time we vote for a president I will be 18 and I will have to make a decision. If the war is still going on I would have to choose which president I believe will best fit my opinion on the war. I do not like the idea of this war. Too many people are getting killed. Some of the reasons we went there was fear, Fear of Saddam having WMD, fear of being weak, fear of the Al Qaida, and just fear of Saddam himself. There is no clear evidence that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction (WMD). We are just encouraging other nations to attack without being attacked first. It is only creating anti-American feelings in other countries because we do not have the support of other surrounding nations. We have

no reason to be in Iraq right now  
and I have a fear of Draft. I  
know people in Iraq and they  
might be dead, I don't want others  
to have the same happen to them.  
We mustn't make a choice that would  
be bad for our future. Make  
that decision. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Jessica  
Potras

Chris Hampton  
1302 9th Street  
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Congress Woman, Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Darlene Hooley

Hello, my name is Chris Hampton and  
im a student from Ogden Middle  
School. My class has been studying  
about Iraq and I would like to share  
my opinions about it.

I agree with this war and its cause  
but I have a few things against it,  
one of them is the economic issue.  
If your planning to go to with  
another country or invade one,  
you first need a good economy or  
else every thing will crumble. Its  
kinda like one of my computer games  
I own. You need two major parts  
a great economy and a strong military.  
Thought if your invading another player  
and your economy is very poor, you will  
eventually run out of resources for men  
and supplies, and unless your army  
is huge, that player will eventually  
chip away at your military untill it  
collapses or you will have to retreat.  
Either way, you lose. Two, I also  
disagree with invading iran because

they possess nuclear technology,  
did anyone try to invade us  
when we had nuclear technology  
and nuclear power plants? No... So  
why should we over whelm are  
already exhausted forces and spread  
them over two countries, one, it will  
weaken the forces in Iraq making them  
more vulnerable to insurgent attacks and  
two, Iran is not doing anything  
wrong with the nuclear technology their  
own, because all they are going to  
do is make nuclear power plants.  
Unless we have information that  
they might and will make WMD,  
Then it feels no need to invade  
Iran.

Thanks for reading letter  
Sincerely, Chris Hampton.

Chris W.  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.Q.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

I agree with the way in  
Iraq. It's a good push  
forward on the war in Iraq.  
The bad part about  
is that this might  
turn in to WW3. Because  
the nations around Iraq are  
the big issue, Iraq is the battle  
field. The nations that do not like  
America are coming down and  
fighting us in Iraq. The good  
part about Iraq war is we  
got rid of a evil dictator  
"Saddam Hussein" and we brought  
Democracy to Iraq where people  
can vote, chose jobs and be free.  
We are slowly getting out of there  
by teaching them how to deal  
with terrorism and be able to  
secure their borders. The last  
of the Iraq war is we are doing  
over there because the terrorists  
are using that to get us.  
That is all I have for now

Sincerely,

Chris Dault



Sarah Thompson  
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Congresswomen Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Sarah Thompson. I'm an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Ogden Middle School. Mr. Mardon my Social Studies teacher has been teaching us about the war in Iraq and I would like to share my opinion on it. I'm not quite sure if I'm for the war or against it. I mean I know we went there for a good reason but it seems like it's useless right now. It seems like we're just over there to kill innocent people or end up killing ourselves. What are we going to do when we run out of people wanting to fight for the U.S? Are we going to have to have a draft again? I'm kind of scared for a draft. How long do you think this war will last?

Do you think we will totally wipe out Iraq people? I feel like we're just making a country that wasn't so good to begin with a way worse country. So after thinking about all the bad things about the attack we did on Iraq I kind of am against the war. Thank you for listening to my point of view and questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Thompson

Jake Blanchard  
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Congresswomen Doriene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H. O. B.  
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April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Jake Blanchard. I'm  
am 14 and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Ogden  
Middle School. In Social Studies we  
have been studying the war on Iraq  
and I would like to let you know  
my opinion. I don't know if I'm Pro war  
or anti war. I know we are in there  
for a good reason but we are not  
accomplishing anything right now in Iraq.  
All we are doing is killing innocent people  
and being killed. What happens if we keep  
this up everyone will turn against ourselves.  
One thing I definitely don't want is  
the draft. How long will this war  
last. Do you think it will get bad  
enough that we bomb all of Iraq including  
innocent people. Right now we are not

helping Iraq we are just making  
it worst. After thinking about it  
I'm not really for the war I say  
we just end it and concentrate on  
Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda Thank  
you for listening to my opinion and  
Questions.

Sincerely

Jake Blanchard

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

Chris Anderson  
20930 S. Redland Rd  
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Dear Mrs Hooley,

My name is Chris Anderson and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School.

Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts I would like to share with you.

At the begining of the war I was all for it. I didn't want the Iraqies being killed and tortured by Saddam. I also didn't trust saddam with weapons of mass destruction if he had any. After we went into Iraq we found saddam who was hiding. Now we can't find any weapons of mass destruction which probably means they don't have any. At this point of the war I don't see what we are doing over there besides geting our soldiers killed. If we have saddam and found there probably isn't any weapons of mass destruction and they have voted for there new leader, doesn't that mean we have compleated the mission?

I am also worried that if this war goes on long enough that there might be a draft, I don't want to be forced to go over

to Iraq IF I don't want to.  
Thanks for your time.  
Chris Anderson

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

Dezurae Johnson  
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name is Dezurae Johnson and I am a student at Ogden middle school. For the past couple weeks we have been learning about the war in Iraq. I would really enjoy sharing my opinion with you and I really hope this has at least a small impact on you.

I understand why people might want to go to war but overall I feel that this war is pointless. Most of Iraqis did not do anything to us. Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, and their men were the terrorists and it is not right that we punish them for Osama and Saddam's mistake. We are also killing innocent people (including Americans) for something they did not do.

The war started because of some Iraqi terrorists took over a couple of planes and crashed them into the twin towers and the Pentagon. That attack killed many innocent people but haven't you ever heard a "2 wrongs don't make a right"? Think about it... we are doing the same thing to them as they did to us. To them we are the terrorists.

Now all they are going to do is fight back and that is exactly what we don't want. It's like when someone punches you in the stomach when you aren't looking... it hurts. So you swing back but they

have somewhat of an idea that you're  
going to do it they just don't know when.  
You swing and hit them back. At  
the same time they were expecting  
it so they flared then since you hit  
them they hit you back. I know they  
had no right to hit you but if you  
keep hitting back so will they.

Instead of attacking and invading  
we should talk to them and  
negotiate or find some common  
ground. That way there won't be  
people losing their lives over nothing.

Thank you very much for reading  
this and I hope it helps.

Sincerely,

Digital  
John



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Congresswomen Darlene Hooley  
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5-1-05

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Hannah Groshong and I go to Ogden Middle School in Oregon City. We have been analyzing the war in Iraq and looking at arguments for and against the invasion. Clearly there are many people against this war, especially here in Oregon, but I for one am glad we are in Iraq. Yes, I am glad we are there to ensure that there aren't weapons of mass destruction, but I am also glad we are there for a reason our media fails to bring to our attention.

During WWII so many Jews were killed. Many survivors are asked now why they never fought back against the Nazis and they reply with the fact that they were faithful the outside world would come in and help, but no help ever came. We stayed out of the war until Pearl Harbor and that was near the end of the war! Until recently so many Iraqis were being killed because of Saddam Hussein. In 1988 the Anfal, where military people would just go into a village and kill the Kurds (mostly battle age men), killed 50,000 Kurds. In just one year 50,000 people were killed! We needed to get in there and stop Saddam Hussein. He was a dictator and for all we know another world war could have resulted from the genocide toward the Kurds.

I understand many people disagree with my point of view, but what I don't understand the reasons why they disagree. Many people are anti-war because Bush went in under false pretenses. There are no weapons of mass destruction as we found out and people can't get over that. Yes, Bush made a mistake but there isn't anything we can do about it now! I believe that people need to get over their hatred for Bush and start supporting all the good things that are going on in Iraq. Unfortunately that may be a little difficult, which brings me to my next point, media. The media is pathetic. The only thing we see in the news or read about in the paper is about car bombings, suicide bombers, and how many people are getting killed because of Bush's mistake! Yes all of those things are happening but what the media fails to capture is all the good things that are going on in Iraq. Kids are going

to safe, clean schools. Clean water is being supplied to homes and homes are getting more electricity. So many people have a genuinely better life now that Saddam is gone. But we never hear about all of that! People just can't get over the fact that Bush made a mistake and people are dying for it. We can't change anything now, so why do we continue to look at the past!

Yes, many people are dying and that is another reason people dislike the war, mostly families and friends of military soldiers. I can understand it must be very hard wondering if your husband, son, mother, or daughter are going to make it home from Iraq, but I hate to break it to you, but when you enlist in any form of military you have to realize that you may die for your country and your families have to accept that fact as well. The argument against that however is that we are not fighting for our country, we are fighting for Iraq. We are fighting for our country! George Bush is the head of our country and if he believes we need to be in Iraq, we then need to support his decision and help Iraq. We are also fighting for our countries safety as well. It Iraq did have weapons of mass destruction there is no evidence to say they wouldn't use them on us.

Another thing many anti-war people claim is that they are anti-war but for getting rid of Saddam. Well, is it really possible for us to go in, get rid of Saddam, and get out? Iraq would be in more chaos then it is now! Someone has to help Iraq get back on its feet, help achieve a democracy, and be united. We got rid of Saddam, so the least we can do is help Iraq be a better place.

Well thank you, I appreciate your time and I hope you enjoyed reading a junior higher's opinion on the war. I appreciate all the time and hard work you put in for our country and I am glad to see a female representing our state!

Sincerely,

Hannah Groshong

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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515  
April 29 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Stacy Hoogan and I attend Ogden Middle School as a 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Lately I have been learning about the issues between America and Iraq and I would like to share some of my thoughts.

My opinion on the war is difficult to explain. I think that its not fair to the kids and stuff. Its not right for us to witness all this. Why should we have to pay for most of the president's problems. I understand why they bombed us. We should stop the war. Some thing that really bothers me is the fact about a draft. We shouldn't be made to do so. IF they need fighters pay them more.

Its like we pay tons of money for gas and taxes ourselves and then you make us give up our lives. Thats unfair. Another thing that bothers me is we went out to get Saddam and we got him yet were still out there.

Well thank you for reading this letter and takeing your time to do so.

-Stacy Hogan—

April Edwards  
817 Buchanan St.  
Ore City, OR 97131

Congresswoman Darlene Harley  
1128 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

My name is April Edwards and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you. There are a few things that have been bothering me. Things such as, if we set out to capture Saddam Hussein, investigate WMD, and set up a democracy, and we did why are we still there? So many American lives are being lost because we are over there. These lives don't necessarily need to be risked because we have already accomplished what we set out to do. Another issue that has much concern in my life is the Draft. Since so many lives have been killed, no one wants to risk their life. So it has been brought to my attention that President Bush might send in the

draft. I know I'm only  
14 but if this war lasts  
as long as people say it  
does I will be well over 18.  
I thought that the war in  
Iraq was a good idea but  
now I am starting to disagree  
with things. The reason I am  
not wanting the draft is  
because now that we have  
set to do what we needed  
I don't think the war should  
continue, and American lives  
should be lost.

sincerely,

April

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C 20515

Tanner Melhorn  
14133 S. Donnan Rd.  
Or. City Or. 97065

My name is Tanner Melhorn and I am a student at Ogden Middle School and I am in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I am writing to you to express to you my opinion towards the war in Iraq. I believe what we are doing in Iraq is a great thing and that it is also a good thing that we are still over there because the country is not stable enough to protect themselves from other countries that would want to invade them. Many people say that we shouldn't be over there in the first place but I believe what we are doing is one hundred percent our business. Saddam Hussein was an evil dictator and what he was doing to his own people was not acceptable and he needed to be stopped as soon as possible. Although the U.N. went in Iraq to search for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and found none we still knew that he had them and would use them. But what I don't understand

is that people say tha Saddam did nothing at all. IF this statement is true then why would he run and hide in a hole for such a long time. Well thank you for listening to my opinion towards the war and I hope that you would be so kind as to write back and tell me your opinion also.



Kayla Kretz  
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Congress women Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington, D.C 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Kayla Kretz  
and I am a student at  
Ogden Middle School. My class  
has been studying the war in  
Iraq and I have some thoughts  
that I would like to share  
with you. First of all I would  
like to start off by saying that  
way to many Americans are  
dying over there. It's also not  
far to the soldiers and there  
family to send them home and to  
send them back to Iraq the following  
week. Please keep in mind that  
I know that in war people die  
but I don't understand why all  
those Americans aren't coming back  
alive when this war is mostly  
benefiting another country. If we  
continue this more people will keep  
on dying and more money will be  
spent. We should be spending our  
money on schools and other more

important things for our country.  
Thank you for your time and  
please take this into consideration,

Sincerely, Kayla Kretz

Kailey Nelson  
14133 S. Donovan Rd  
OR City, OR 97045

Congresswomen Darlene Hooley  
1136 Longworth H.D.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Kailey Nelson. I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts to share with you.

I understand that why we went to war. But why are we sending so many of our people in there to get killed or to fight. We are losing loved ones. It is tearing our hearts apart. I know that we need people to fight, but my goodness stop the war. What I don't understand is that we are sending more Americans in and putting them in danger. When we declare war we should have a law that states we have to have a certain amount of people in our war. And when our people are gone it's over instead of putting more in danger. That way in the future we will have more people, and

more money for schools.

Thank you for your time and  
please think about the  
outcome of our country  
after the war.

Sincerely,

Kailey Nelson

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CONGRESSWOMAN DARLENE HOOLEY  
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WASHINGTON D.C. 20515

MAY 2, 2005

MY NAME IS JESSICA STRINGHAM AND I AM AN EIGHTH GRADER FROM OGDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL. IN OUR SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE EVEN STARTED IT. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE LET THE U.N. FINISH SEARCHING FOR THE W.M.D.'S AND LET THEM TAKE CARE OF HUSSEIN. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT (AND OUR REPUTATION), I JUST ~~WISH~~ WE WON'T TURN THIS INTO A BIGGER WAR THEN IT ALREADY IS. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE DURING WORLD WAR 3 LIKE SOME PEOPLE SAY MIGHT HAPPEN, IF WE START A WAR WITH

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES THEN WE'LL  
HAVE TO HELP THEM REPAIR THEIR  
~~GOVERNMENT~~. IT'S NOT THAT I  
DON'T WANT TO HELP OTHER COUNTRIES,  
IT'S JUST THAT FIGHTING WARS  
DOESN'T HELP ANYONE, NOT UNLESS  
THEY HAVE A POINT, LIKE THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION (FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM) AND  
WORLD WAR II (AGAINST HITLER). THEY SAY  
THAT THIS IS THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM  
BUT IF WE'RE FIGHTING TERRORISM,  
~~SHOULDN'T~~ OTHER COUNTRIES WANT  
TO HELP. I THINK I KNOW THE REASON  
THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP. FIRST,  
TERRORISM ISN'T ONLY IN IRAQ.  
SURE AL QUIDA<sup>1</sup> IS IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST, BUT IT'S MORE IN SAUDI ARABIA  
THAN IRAQ. IRAQ DIDN'T ATTACK  
THE U.S. DURING 9/11. IF THE WAR  
ISN'T ABOUT TERRORISM LIKE THEY  
SAID IT IS, THEN WHAT IS IT FOR?  
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING  
FOR AN UNCLEAR REASON. ~~ESPECIALLY~~  
IF WE GET DRAFTED. THANKS  
JESSICA STRAWN

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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
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Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Ashley Bidwell and I'm a 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Ogden Middle School. I would like to tell you my opinion on the War in Iraq. I think we are there for all the wrong reasons, and now that we have caught Saddam Hussein shouldn't we be done yet? I think this war is a second world war. If it gets that bad or even worse I'm worried the draft might come back. I know alot of friends who's family is in Iraq right now and they are worried they won't be returning. Thousands of people died before and I don't think its worth all those lives again.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ashley Bidwell

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.R.  
Washington, Dc 20515

April, 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Hailey Leiby and I'm an eighth grade student at Ogden Middle School. I'm writing in regards to the war in Iraq. I disagree with the war. There is too many people dying, and too many families being torn apart. The risk of being abducted by terrorists is increasing. I think our main focus should be capturing Osama bin Laden who has attacked the U.S. with the help of Al Qaida.

If Saddam Hussein is found, we can't be 100% sure he does not have, or will not use weapons of mass destruction against U.S. forces.

I know the war is to in depth to be stopped abruptly but I think it should be stopped as soon as possible. There are too many lives at stake and I think we are risking far too much. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Hailey Leiby



Tom Grant  
Period 1  
Final Assignment  
May 2, 2005

Dear Rep. Hooley,

I'm a 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ogden Middle School in Oregon City. I'm writing to you so I can finally voice my opinion about the war in Iraq.

First of all, our economy is a disaster. Many people blame our bad economy on obesity rates as they try and sell you a Bowloflex machine. The majority of our bad economy is based upon the war. If we stopped fighting right now our economy would probably recover quite sufficiently, but since we are still continuing to fight we will still continue to be crippled by the double edged sword.

Second of all, is our great soldiers of America. Our loyal soldiers that risk their lives to help all of us to stay safe here. All of these soldiers are caught up in a political war we can't win. I mean even if we rebuild Iraq, and we bring our soldiers home the terrorists will still be there and everywhere.

If you can try and bring our soldiers home and bring our economy back up in Oregon the State with the worst economy.

Sincerely,

Tom Grant

Kimmie Kurin  
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Oregon City, OR  
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May 3, 2005

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H. O. B.  
Washington D.C.  
20515

Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Kimmie Kurin and I am in eighth grade. My social studies class is studying about Iraq and I have learned much but gained little. Although I don't know everything about the conflict, what I do know doesn't seem to possess a bright ending. I have faith in President Bush but because of what I've been taught about it, it doesn't seem we have the economic strength to handle this expensive war. Also, I believe that too many lives have become a statistic. Not just innocent Iraqis, but that our troops are fighting for something that seems to be endless.

I understand that we began to fight in Iraq to put Saddam Hussein out of authority. Also, that there was suspicion that Iraqi land might be hiding weapons of mass destruction but so far we haven't uncovered any. But of course, every story has two sides to it. The only thing I can say in defense of pro-war is simply a simile. It's like taking medicine: if you only take the medicine without the full length of time, how do you expect to get better? All in all, this is my opinion. War has mustied its open doors on the U.S. and now we must deal with it. How do you suppose how?

Thank you for your time,

Kim Kurin,  
Oregon City

Meckenzie Holmes  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
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May 4, 2005

Dear Ms. Hooley,

My name is Meckenzie Holmes I'm an eighth grade attendee at Ogden Middle School. My history class and I have been educated on the subject of Iraq the last past weeks.

My teacher James Mardon strongly advises us to form an opinion on the subjects we are learning. I would like to say that in my opinion I see both justification and ~~injustification~~ for this war in Iraq. If I was to say which stance I choose, I choose the anti-war position.

I choose this due to the fact I think the people have been poorly educated on the exact reason we are in this war. This war had nothing to do with 9/11 so therefore why do so many Americans believe it to be such? I feel that we went into this war because of the fear so many Americans had. I also think the amount of bloodshed is observed. Why did we go in this war to destroy weapons of mass destruction and yet we have not found any? A little odd if

you ask me.

Once again I would like to thank  
you for your time and listening to  
my opinions on this war in Iraq.  
Thank you Ms. Darlene Hooley and have  
a blessed and wonderful day!

Sincerely,  
Meckenzie Lynn Holmes  
Meckenzie Lynn Holmes

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
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April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

I am an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Ogden Middle School, and our class is currently studying the war in Iraq, instead of something else because our teacher thought we'd get more out of it. I would like to share my thoughts and opinions to you about the war.

I believe that we shouldn't be in Iraq right now. Half of the people in Iraq don't even want us there, so there's more and more bombings, getting a lot of Americans killed right now. We originally went there because of weapons of mass destruction and to get Saddam Hussein out of there. Now that we've got Saddam Hussein out of there (the media never says what's happened, or going to happen to him), and since the U.N. has declared that there are no W.M.D., I think we should've gotten out of Iraq a long time ago.

Helping other countries and being an ally to them is all good, but what sense does it make if we are at war with Iraq and trying to help them at the same time? I think that we need to worry about our own government instead of trying to repair other countries' government. We have too many people in the United States disagreeing and having a controversy over our own government. I hear people slamming down our system all the time - in talk radio, on the news, even in songs from my favorite bands.

We should start repairing and making our own government better, instead of messing with other people's, otherwise we, as a country look incompetent. That is what I believe we should do, instead of dragging the war on, because I think that this war will go on until someone new is elected in office, and that we will get further in debt until then.

Sincerely,

Jen Buffington

Bertha  
Marmolejo  
4/29/05  
8th per  
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Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Bertha De la Riva Marmolejo and I'm a student at Ogden Middle school.

My class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thought that I'd like to share with you. First of all I still don't understand what's this war for?

The reason why is because at first I heard people saying "This war is for Iraq's freedom and others say it's just Bush's business!?" I might not know completely about the war but as far as I know I say "NO War".

The reason why I think this is because it contains too much hate towards ourselves and the for the values that came with it. I personally think war is a big sin in our and God's way of life.

Thank you for your time and hopefully you can answer back soon

Sincerely

Bertha Marmolejo  
Bertha Marmolejo

April 29, 2005

Dear Congress woman darlene healey

1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

My name is Nathan Padron im 14 and I go to Ogden middle school. I think the the choice that was made to go to war with iraq was bogus we have no plosible reason to be there. you would think that when you sent them there you would at least give them proper equitment as well but they dont even have that the number of casulties is unexceptible maby next time you people should think before you act because if I where you I would Feel awful knowing that I helped send all those people clear to iraq for nothing. But they still do it because they love there country.

Nathan Padron

Dear Mrs. Hawley,

I just wanted to tell you a little bit about what we've been learning about Iraq in our social studies class. We have been asked about what we think about going to war.

I think that it was a good idea to go to war with Iraq because they had weapons of mass destruction. They could have killed innocent people around them. So since that they didn't destroy their weapons we had to do something about it. When we did we found that Saddam had weapons. That's why I think it was a good idea to go to war.

Shirley  
Cady Rossman



Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

Larry O'Dea  
14133 S. Dorman  
Rd.  
OR 97045

Dear Hooley,

My name is Larry O'Dea and I'm a student  
in Ogden Middle School. Our class has  
been studying the war in Iraq and  
I have thought that I want to  
share. I support the war because I  
believe that Saddam was evil. Saying  
that, I don't know where the war is  
going. It might go on forever. It  
might make the draft come back.  
That worries me. I don't want to  
be drafted. The Iraqi people like  
us coming to liberate them. If  
it makes them happy, what's the  
problem.

Sincerely,  
Larry  
O'Dea

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 1st, North H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Darlene Hooley,

My name is Mitchell Wilhelm. I'm 14 years old. I go to Ogden Middle School in Oregon City, Oregon.

What I think about the war is that it is good that we went to war, because what if Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and used them on us. That would be really bad because a lot of people might died. I think that it is good that we were in Iraq but that we should get out before more people die. That there has been to many soldiers dying over there in Iraq. We already got Saddam Hussein, and Iraq has a government. We should stay a little bit longer to make sure there government works.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Wilhelm

Congress woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

14133.5 Convent Rd  
OR city, OR  
97045

Dear Miss Hooley

Evan F

My name is Evan Fawcett and I would want to bring up my concerns of the war. for one why are we there because we have not found any weapons of mass destruction. Also why are the gas prices so high because I am about going to drive and I don't want to pay over fifty dollars to fill my tank. And those are some of my concerns for the war in Iraq.

from: Evan Fawcett

Kelsey Sether  
14133 S. Donavon Rd  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 30, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Kelsey and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying Iraq and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you.

I think the war is good and bad. It is good because were taking action from them bombing us. It is bad because they really didn't bomb us first, we bombed them first. Also do you realize we are loosing hundreds of men and women over there? I think this because of Suddam Hussien maybe had WMD. I know just my opinion might not have effect on the war but I bet that there are many other kids and adults that probably feel the same way I do. In the future I really hope we still are not in war and we have to make a draft. I really don't want to have the draft because you are just forcing people against their will to do something.

Thank you sow much for taking time to read my letter that I wrote.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Sether

Thank you!

Dear Congress,

First of all my name is Kaitlin Beneville and I go to Ogden Middle School in Oregon City. I'd like to share some thoughts that I've had while my class has been learning about the war in Iraq. You could call me a flip flopper because I have strong opinions both against and for the war.

First the arguments against, I don't like that President Bush said that we were going to Iraq to find Weapons of Mass Destruction but we are still there having our US soldiers being killed after we haven't found any. Not only are US soldiers being killed, but innocent Iraqi lives are being ended. I understand that we are there trying to help rebuild Iraq but I think that we've been over there long enough. Pretty soon the United States is going to run out of money -even more than we already have- and other countries won't look at us as one of the strongest nations any more. I also hate to think that by the time I'm 18, the war still could be going on in the Middle East. I would hate to see my family and friends being drafted off to the Middle East. It kills me to think that all this could have never started if we would have waited until we had support from the UN or until the UN did a weapon inspection. I also don't understand why, starting March 20, 2003 through April 9, 2003, we nearly bombed Baghdad to death. I think we killed too many innocent lives, both US and Iraqi. I just don't understand that. We've lost way too many lives in this war.

Now the reasons why I think we should have gone to war, I like that even after all the bombing and attacking we've done, we still send supplies and health packs for the Iraqi people. I also think that if we wouldn't have gone to war we could have faced more and more terrorist attacks or maybe even a war on our own land. It's good that we took control and made sure that Iraq didn't have Weapons of Mass Destruction. Iraq could have been planning to attack other countries using Weapons of Mass Destruction. I mean we definitely didn't want to look weak in the eyes of other countries. Plus we got rid of a ruthless, murderous dictator, Saddam Hussein. Not only was he a dictator to his own people but he also supported terrorist networks from around the world.

In the end, I think it was good that we went to war. I just think that we could have waited a little longer and gotten more support and we could have done it in a way that wouldn't have killed as many innocent Iraqi and US lives. I hope you understand my point of view on this war and understand how it's affecting our nation's youth.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Beneville

19783 Castleberry Loop

Oregon City, OR 97045

Ariel Hill  
17315 S. Bradley Rd  
Oregon city, OR  
97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Ariel and I'm an 8th grader in Oregon city's Ogden middle school. I thought that you would like to hear opinions on the war from someone of my age. I'm not sure what your opinions are but I'm willing to share mine with you. I don't like the idea of war or knowing that I have family down there, but I know that Saddam deserves death. I'm not sure why we have to kill innocent people just to get to Saddam, but I do think that he is very unpredictable. Saddam deserves death because he could still have people working for him whether he is captured or not. If you have time to answer me I just have one very big question: If we have captured Saddam why are we still in Iraq?

Thank you very much for  
your time

Sincerely, Ariel Hill

Dear Darlene Hooley,

April 29, 2005

My name is Cori Ronnander, and I'm a student at Ogden middle school. I consider myself a republican, and I just wanted to tell you that I support the war and think that George W. Bush is doing an o.k. job.

The reason I support the war is that that some of the Iraqi people are trying to take the Israelites land away. Anyways I don't think it's wrong for us to search their land for weapons of mass destruction, since they said they didn't have any, and it wouldn't have hurt anybody anyway.

Sincerely,

Cori Ronnander

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Tyler Tapin  
15530 S. Motel Dr  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

I am a student at Ogden Middle School, with some concerns about the ~~the~~ War on Iraq. I really have a few concerns about the war. One of them is that I am not for the war because it is wasting my school's money. The school years were short even before the war but now that the war has started, our school year is even getting shorter than before. This is not a good thing because I'm a kid who wants to have a good reputation in my school. That might not happen because the teachers have less time to teach us at school so we have to go home and do all our work and we aren't even able to ask our teachers for help so everyone in the Oregon City School District might get really stupid and some ~~other~~ jobs that I might say that this kid went to OHS and then they might reject me. I know that this probably won't happen but ~~it~~ it might if the war keeps going on. So I say do what you're doing but try to get the U.S. soldiers out of there so no more die for not really a good reason because we haven't found any WMDs or anything.

Sincerely a person that cares,  
Tyler



Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

Jay Stewart  
14133 Donovan Rd  
Or City, Or 97045

My name is Jay Stewart and i'm a student at Ogden Middle school. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts that i'd like to share with you.

I think that we should keep doing our best to help the good people of Iraq gain their constitution back, and a good constitution and not treat them like slaves but I think you would get the picture. And just keep our eye out for any suspicious people that might cause problems. well thats all I have to say and unh... thank you for your time.

From Jay Stewart  
to Darlene Hooley

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C.  
20515

Dear Darlene Hooley

My name is Alec Seater and I'm an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Ogden Middle School. Please excuse my hand writing my hand is in a cast and I can't write with left hand. The reason I am writing this letter is to talk about the war. My opinion about the war is that it could have been voided. Because before we went in to Iraq the U.N. was voting on whether to go in or not and if we had waited a month or so we would have had support from them. Then after we went in our troops were being bombed by suicide bombers. Then after the major conflict we are now in financial dept and strife.

Thank you for reading my letter you do not have to respond unless you want to because I know you must be busy.

Sincerely,

Alec Seater

Peterson, Stefan  
15421 S. Forsythe  
OR City OR, 97104

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington D.C. 20515

April, 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Stefan Peterson. I am in 8th grade. I go to Ogden Middle School and I am very concerned about the war. I think there is chance that a Draft might arise. I wouldn't want anyone I know or love hafta go to war because the people who voted and wanted to go to war want other people to do the fighting for them. I think we should be able to choose what to do with our lives and not have to go for reasons we don't believe in. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
Stefan Peterson

**Mrs. Darlene Hooley,**

**Writing has never been my specialty; however on this subject I think it best that this should not go on unheard. My name is Missy Miller. I am a student at Ogden Middle school. I can remember the morning I turned on the news to see the twin towers going up in smoke and flames, and then, demolishing to the ground. Since then, I never really got the feel or reasoning for war in Iraq. What business do we have there? While studying this subject in social studies, I was able to look at it from the view points of others. I do not believe that the war should go on. We have been fighting to find weapons, and so far have not been able to complete this task. Soldiers are being killed everyday to try to succeed a task that is irretrievable. So why risk the lives of others? Bring our soldiers home. If we don't, we will soon be past the point of amendment. What we need is a strategy rather than playing Pocahontas and going where ever the wind decides blow. It's like playing the game of risk for the first time. You might be having fun and maybe even doing pretty good, but eventually, you will lose. So is it worth it? Please don't just stash this letter away to be unseen and unheard. Take this into consideration. Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely,**

**Missy Miller**

Congress woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
April 29 2005

Tony Reed  
14133 S Donovan  
RD  
OR city or 97045

Dear Mrs Hooley

My name is Tony Reed and I go to Ogden Middle School.  
We've been learning about the war in Iraq and  
I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with  
you. I thinkz you made a good choice on going to Iraq,  
and I support the war. I support the war because  
people who I know are now fighting in Iraq.  
I think the war will eventually end and I hope  
soon. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Tony Reed

Congress Woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Jennifer, and I don't think we should be in Iraq, because the reason we went over there was to find the WMD, which we never found any. And besides we have already found Saddam Hussein. So what is the point of still being over there? If the reason were still over there is to get all the terrorists, they are all over not just in Iraq. Osama Bin Laden would probably come out of hiding if we stopped the war, because he would think it would be safer. And if we were trying to get all the terrorists that would mean that we would be in the war for a long time so ~~we~~ we might have to start the Draft back up, because the lack of recruits.

Sincerely

Jennifer Folbright

5/1/05

Dear Darlene Hooley

War - The word that rings out on people's television sets all over America. War - The thing that American soldiers die because of everyday. War - It has placed its powerful grip around men women and children all over the world, affecting us all. War - Is it right?

My name is Rachel Ramey and I am a student at Ogden Middle school. I am an opinionated 13yr old with definite views on our country and the war on Iraq.

I believe that the war is justified.

The Middle East has developed a hatred toward the Western cultures, it was very important for us to reform them for our own safety. There may have been no weapons of mass destruction, but the war has still had its benefits.

For example, we took Saddam Hussein out of power. Saddam was a supporter of terrorists and an ever growing threat to the US. He needed to be taken out of power for many other nations and his own. I mean, even his own nation had to fear him.

These people deserve better. If we show them democracy, they will realize that a government isn't a mafia to fear, but a place where you can have a say in your country and make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

 (Rachel Ramey)

Julia Austin  
14133 S. Donovan Rd  
OR City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Julia Austin and I am a student at Oden Middle School and we have been studying about the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts I would like to share with you.

Do you have an actual answer to why we are over there? Because I don't like the fact that we have people dying in a war that shouldn't have even started.

So many Americans are doing serious things because of terrorist. When will the war end? Does anybody have an answer? Will terrorism ever end?

Sincerely: Julia Austin



Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington DC 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mis. Hooley

My name is Spencer Davis and I go to Ogden Middle school. In my class we have been talking about the war and why we are for it or against it. I am for it and against it. I am with it because I want the Iraqi people to be free. Also because I want terrorism to stop. The reason I'm against it because we are spending millions and alot of are people are dieing. But I still want the Iraqi people to be free so do the right thing and give the Iraqi people freedom.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Loggworth H. OB  
Washington DC 20515

Keisha Price  
14210 SE Arista  
Oak Grove, OR  
97167

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Keisha Price and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some concerns I would like to share with you.

I don't think it's fair for people's family to die, no one should have that happen to them. I don't like the idea of this invasion because the soldiers are killing people that could be innocent and don't deserve to die. I think the war needs to be stopped.

Anyway, thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Keisha Price

Whitney Allen  
14133 S. Donovan  
Oregon City OR  
97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
April, 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,  
My name is Whitney Allen. I'm an eighth grader at Ogden Middle School. In Social Studies we have been talking about the war in Iraq. I am writing to tell you my Opinion and what I think is going to happen because of the war. My Opinion is that we shouldn't be in war right now. I think we're there for the wrong reasons. We already went into Iraq and accomplished our goals of getting Saddam Hussien out of power. It seems to me like President Bush keeps making more goals as he goes along. We are not only creating war between the U.S. and Iraq, but between the Iraq people with all of the Suicide Bombings and stuff. I think if he keeps creating goals this war could go on for a long time. One of the issues that scares me and my Classmate is what if there is a draft. It feels like its turning into world war three. Thank you for your time and letting me state my opinions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Whitney Allen

Tyler Simpkins  
14133 S Donovan Rd.  
Oregon City OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 28, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Tyler and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been going over the war in Iraq and I have some questions that I'd like to ask you. I don't entirely agree with this war but here are the questions I have for you. Why are we in this war in the first place? I have heard many things but I can't figure out which one it really is. I have heard that we are there because of Osama, I have heard we are there because of weapons of mass destruction ( might I add that we never found any), I have heard we are there because of Saddam, I have heard that we are there to free the Iraqis, and I have heard that we are there because Bush wants the oil fields. I would like to know which one we are really there for, or is it for all of them? Next, what is the exit strategy? I have heard nothing about any exit strategy from Bush, or anybody else for that fact. Also what are you going to do if the elections fail? Are you going to try again, or just give up and let the Iraqis deal with it? Another thing I would like to know is what you are going to do about all the suicide bombings. Are you going to try to stop them, or leave them be? Next, what are you going to do about how the other nations around the world feel about us, because most of them feel we shouldn't have gone to war alone. Another thing is, how is Bush going to mend relations with the U.S. citizens? A lot of citizens think we should have never gone to war in the first place. Well that's about it, thank you for your time and please take my questions into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tyler

# Final Project for Iraq Unit

You will need to draft a letter to your Congressperson, Darlene Hooley, about your thoughts on the war with Iraq.

To do this you will need to use the information from class including facts about the lead up to the war and the sorts of things that are going on today.

You will give me a copy of your letter and we will send a package of letters to Congress.

I don't see the point in this war, people are dying, hundreds!! To me it seems like senseless death. We've made no progress in this war. It costs billions to make this war happen, billions just to see people die. I think there is more positive ways to spend it. It is a proven fact that teachers start losing their effect on the class at 20 people, in my classes we have at least 32. Some kids even have to share textbooks because they're not enough money to buy enough. Some don't even have heat!! These kids are the next generation, the next group of people that will grow up & take the place of you guys, they need an education. My ~~own~~ cousin is in the marine core, he will get called to go into Iraq & drive a tank, the one thing everyone wants to blow up, I would like to think he's not going over there to risk his life and die for nothing. I've tried to see all the pros and cons for this war & I'm not really decided on it. I just think about all the soldiers that have died their families, they're kids, wives, husbands. I don't see the point in all of it, what point are we trying to prove? ~~that~~ That we're not weak? That's a lot of lives to lose for first grade games.

CongRESS Woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley:

My name is anonymous and I go to OGDEN Middle School in Oregon City. I am writing this letter in my social studies class for a test. We are suppose to state our opinion about the war so im just going to be straight forward. I think that we, on the most part, should not be over there. I think we should have been able to find Al Qaida by now. But thats just me. I also thinks we might just be over there for oil because the gas prices are way too high. But I do think it was right to go over there and destroy any weapons of mass destruction. But I also think that the government should tell the public the things that they're hiding. Thank you for reading.  
tata.

Yours truly - Anonymous

Congress Woman Darlene Hooley

1130 Longworth, H.O.B.

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Tye Hickman, a student at Ogden Middle School Oregon City, Oregon. I'm writing this letter to address my concerns on this war on terror. I feel that we went to war for reasons of looking tuff, not for the reason of how many lives where at sake, or economic reasons, or for the negative image that we would be giving to other nations might have for us. Though I'm not saying that going to war was all bad, we captured Saddam Hussein, and made democratic government for Iraq. But by moving our troops to Iraq we caused bombings and death tolls, but if we pull out now we will be setting off even more conflict. You have a lot of work to do, so I end my letter with deep respect for all of you in the government. And hope that you make good decisions for our nation.

Sincerely  
Tye Hickman

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

1100 Longworth H.B.

Washington DC.

April 29, 2005

Dear Congresswoman,

My name is Zach Lang and I go to Ogden Middle School. I'm writing this letter to express my opinion on Iraq. I think we should pull out. We have no support, haven't found any WMD's, and a lot of our men (and women) are being wounded and killed. I know if we were to pull out there would be a civil war but, it might be better to let Iraq set itself up and do what they want and not say "hey terrorists we're here and voting a reason to hit us. Besides we came in here looking for Osama Bin Laden and we're setting up a new government in Iraq. What does that have to do with 9/11? Just try to think about these things for me.

Sincerely,  
Zach Lang



May 1, 2005

Congress Woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Langworth, H. O. B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Reed Winner. I go to school at Ogden Middle School and am in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I am writing to you because in my Social Studies class we have been studying the Iraq War. We studied the events leading up to the war and what has occurred after the war.

I agree with the decision to go to war in the first place if Iraq would have had weapons of mass destruction like our intelligence told us they did. From what I understand Saddam Hussein used weapons of mass destruction on his own people and that's not good.

Now that we know that he probably didn't have any weapons of mass destruction I don't think we should have invaded Iraq. What did he really ever do to us? They didn't attack us. Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction that we could find. All that we did was destroy a country that was ok. Sure they couldn't vote but neither can the Iranians. Now that the United States has invaded and destroyed we have to rebuild the country.

Thank you for your time,

Reed Winner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reed Winner". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right from the end of the name.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, Ho. b  
Washington, DC. 20515  
April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Natalie Harrington. I am a student at Ogden Middle School. I am writing this letter because I think this war is going very well. I know I'm just a kid and I might not know all the ins and outs of this whole war but I do care about it. I think President Bush is doing a great job. He is a great leader who fights for what's right and that is what America is all about.

When we invaded Iraq I was worried why are we doing this so soon, but then I realized that we need to take action right away so this doesn't happen again. A lot of people are saying that Iraq is not apart of this war and that it was Al Quaida. Iraq had to of support Al Quaida so they were supporting them. Before the invasion happened Saddam was torturing many innocent Iraqi people so it was good that we captured Saddam. In the early stages of the war I was worried about how the war was going. Now I am confident that we can get through this. Thankyou for your time.

Sincerely Natalie

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H. Bldg  
Washington D.C 20543

Dear Ms. Hooley,

My name is Marissa Cook and I am a 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ogden Middle School. We have been studying Iraq in my social studies class. We learned about the war and how Iraq wasn't the one's who bombed use it was a terrorist group. I think we should of done the war but makey approach it differently. I think we should of waited for the other countries so we have back up.

Sincerely,  
Marissa Cook

05/02/05

Dear Ms. Hooley,

I think that the war is bad. I think this for a few reasons. For example, the Iraqi people don't like us or want us being there. Another reason is the government spends more money on the war in one week than they do for a school district in one school year. It is bad for the economy to have this expensive war happening, the gas prices are sky high and the poverty level is high. The Army also doesn't give the troops enough armor (i.e. body and humvee armor). Please do what you can to bring the troops home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Hernandez". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Michael Hernandez

Cong. D. H.  
1130 Longworth, HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
April 29, 2005

Dear Darlene,

It has come to my attention that we need to write about the war in IRAQ. My name is Derek Hark, I am a student at Ogden Middle School, I live in Oregon City OR. and I'm 14 years old. I wanted to write to you today because I want to tell you that you guys are doing a great job at Congress, I think that going to war in IRAQ was a good idea. My dad always says that we've been pushed around and it's about time we take action. If we wouldn't have gone to war then every country would have thought that we were sissys and were weak. There's just one thing that I've got to ask, if we were going there to stop Alkita then once we got them ~~the~~ why didn't we pull out of there instead of staying in there. Say hi to president Bush for me please because I think he's a way better president than Kerry would have been.

Thanks

- Derek Hark. -

Congresswomen Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington D.C, 20515

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

I am an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Oregon City. I hope that you are having a good day. I am writing this letter to talk about the war in Iraq. I think that there is a point of having the war because Saddam tried using WMD (weapons of mass destruction) on his own country. I think that when the United States invaded Iraq I thought they deserved it cause they didn't reply to their threat. The Iraqi government should have replied to the threat from the United States government so their country wouldn't get bombed. Saddam Hussain should have just came forward after the bad thing he did in the past. I thank you for your time reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Gibson

Drew  
Mitchell

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
April 29, 2005

Dear Ms. Hooley

I am a 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ogden Middle school. My name is Drew Mitchell. I live in Oregon City, OR. I'm not a straight ~~A~~ student or anything, so I'm not to sure what's going on in Iraq. This letter is to tell you what I think we are doing there and why were there.

Well im not sure why were there, but I thought it had ~~something~~ to do with 9/11. Until recently I heard that there was NO Iraqis in the plane. So why are we there? I know we went there to get Sudan Husain which we did and Asoma Benladin is still out there. Have we gave up the hunt for him? We know that he had something to do with 9/11 and not She Sudan Husain did.

In the future of this war I think it will resort to a world war where other countries will take sides cause it will get so bad. Why can't we come together as one. I mean has any body even wrote or talked to another place about that. Would it be so hard? ~~try to make friends~~ with them and not just Iraq but other places as well. I don't know if you believe in god, but I do and he only made two people, Adam and Eve. So if he only made two people that measure were all together once. So why can't we be together now?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Drew

Colton Martill  
period 6

Dear, Darlene Hooley

My Class and I are writing to you about the war in Iraq. I think what we're fighting for is right but the invasion was wrong. Why I'm saying this is because at the start we were after Saddam but since we already caught him there's no point. But the fact that we are helping them rebuild Iraq and making it better. One thing that is wrong is all the car bombings and all the soldiers dying. One last thing if the war last long enough there might be a draft when I am in high school.

from,  
Colton



Rachel Erickson  
18516 S. Ferguson Rd  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 2, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Rachel, and I'm a student at  
Opplen Middle School. Our class has been studying the  
war in Iraq and I have some thoughts I'd like  
to share with you.

I think it was a good thing we went to  
war in Iraq, the main reason because Saddam  
Hussein could have used W.M.D.'s on America or  
another nation. I think it is good that Saddam  
was removed from power because of what he  
has done to his people and other people.  
Another good reason to go to war was that  
we didn't want to appear weak to terrorists.

At the same time I feel like we shouldn't  
be in Iraq anymore, now that Saddam is no  
longer a problem. The war is so expensive  
and lives are being lost. Also, Iraq had nothing  
to do with the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Thank you for your time, it is much  
appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Erickson

Zack Smith  
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OR City, OR 97245.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515.

May, 3, 2005.

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Zack and I'm an eighth grader at Ogden middle school. My social studies class has been studying Iraq and the war that is going on over there. I think that it is good that we went to war only because we got Saddam Hussein out of there and to stop terrorist attacks.

I also don't think that we should have went to war only because a lot of people have died and we have made a big mess over in Iraq that we have to clean up now, but I still think that it was good to capture Saddam and try to stop terrorist attacks.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely, Zachary Smith

Dear Mrs. Darlene Hooley,

I am writing about the war in Iraq. I think it is really dumb and you really should try the best as you can to make it stop.

My school Ogden middle school is going broke because all of our tax money is going to the war and none of that money is going to my school.

I am thinking that if the war will stop the gas prices would fall down and be cheaper and more tax money would go towards the schools and if schools get more money there would be more smarter people and if there will be more smarter people they could find cures for cancer or STDs.

I really hope you read this because it would make me feel better and make me happier well thanks alot.

Sincerely

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# Final project

Dear Darlene Hooley,

I think that it was a good Idea to go fight in Iraq. Saddam Hu Sang had weapons of mass destruction and he would have wiped out a lot of america if we wouldn't have attacked. The army sent to Iraq should take out all terrorists to keep america safe or else in some years later they could bomb us again and kill a lot of people. They should also make sure that Iraq is hiding no more weapons of mass destruction. That is a way I can think of to keep america safe from Iraq.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington, D.C 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Rosie Newton and I am an eighth grade student at Ogden Middle School in Oregon City, Oregon. Recently in our Social Studies class we started talking about Iraq, the war, and all the things that go on over there. After learning all this stuff I decided that I would like to share my thoughts with you. I don't think that we should be in Iraq right now because so many people are dying over there, American and Iraqi. We were trying to make things better for their people but we are taking a step backwards and making their lives harder. We are killing their loved ones, making it harder to get food, bombing their houses, their schools, making it harder to get jobs, and devastating all of them more as each day passes and more people die. One of our reasons for going over there was the possibility of them in possession of weapons of mass destruction. Still we have not found anything of the sort, only a little evidence of them being made. United States also has weapons of mass destruction so what makes that okay? I mean who gave United States the power to make the decision, of whether or not to have weapons of mass destruction for other countries. We have them so what makes that fair? If we tell other countries that they should not have weapons of mass destruction then we should not be able to have them either. This war is also turning Iraqi people against Iraqi people not just Iraqi people against the American's. The United States is causing more trouble then necessary and we are turning other countries against us, which is going to lead us into more problems then we could handle. Well that's pretty much my entire opinion on the war that is going on over in Iraq. I want to thank you for your time and for reading my letter. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rosie Newton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosie Newton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

Dear Darlene Hooley,

My name is Rachel Wong. I am an eighth grade student at Ogden Middle School. We had an opportunity to study about the war in Iraq. While studying, I became very disturbed by the amount of people that have been killed or badly injured. I personally have not lost any one, but know of many people that have.

One day my social studies teacher asked us, "How many of you know someone that is presently in, or has been in Iraq?" I was surprised to see that more than 75% of my classmates raised their hands along with me.

I have heard the large number of people that die ever day and year. Also I have heard things like Saddam has weapons of mass destruction; he has used biological weapons on Kurds. Saddam has oppressed the Iraqi people. He has violated his treaty signed after the Gulf War. He supported terrorist networks. He tried to kill George W. Bush Senior and has made the American people feel threatened. The government spends so much money on the war in Iraq but doesn't spend enough money at home on things like education. I know there are a lot of poor Americans that could use help and education but there is no money for them.

What I want to know is, do people like President Bush ever stop to think about how many people have died? Or how many wives, husbands, kids, parents, and friends cry themselves to sleep every night because they have lost a loved one? Their family lost the member that supported the family's financial needs. I personally don't have a family member in Iraq, but my hula teacher's son was in Iraq. I know how hard it was for my hula teacher to know her son was in Iraq. My neighbors have a daughter and a son in Iraq. I just hope that people realize how many lives could have become something, or invented something. Maybe he or she was the person that was going to go back to school to become a doctor and discover the cure for Leukemia. Now that won't happen. Now look and see how many lives have been affected or changed because one more person has died.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Wong

Lindsey J Cagley  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C 20515

May 2nd 2005

Dear Mrs Hooley,

My name is Lindsey Cagley  
in my 2<sup>nd</sup> period social studies  
class we have been recently been  
educated on the war in Iraq.  
I have some concerns that  
need to be addressed.

The first thing is I  
recently changed my position  
on the war in Iraq. I just  
now found out that the reason  
why we are there has nothing  
to do with the world trade  
center bombings and that  
we are over there because  
of things that we **THINK**  
are going on and people  
are dying when we have  
no solid proof if anything  
bad is even going on in  
Iraq. And I would like to  
see some of your views on  
the war in Iraq. Don't get  
me wrong I'm glad Saddam hussene  
is out of office but why →

are we having the need  
to stay there and getting  
our people killed and to  
top it all off we are killing  
innocent people. Thank you for  
taking the time to read this.

Sincerely

J. Lindsey Sean  
Cagley



Erisyn Meek  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Erisyn Meek and great great granddaughter of Joe Meek. You may remember him from Oregon history books. He was the first responsible for setting up Oregon's first provisional government. His leadership lead Oregon into a world of peace through understanding and respecting the Native Americans.

In Social Studies, right now we are learning about the war with Iraq. I seem to have mixed feelings about it. I'm very scared for friends and family, because there is a good chance that someone that I know and love might get sent to have to go and fight in the war with Iraq.

There are a few details that seem to trigger my mind the most, such as, . . .

the fact that Saddam has had weapons of mass destruction, and that they are real (that scares me to think about them). And why would President George W. Bush take us to war?

About a month and a half ago, Mr. Mardon was giving us a normal Social Studies lecture, when someone semi randomly brought up a question about Iraq. Then after that one question, one by one hands started shooting up and students were overwhelmed with questions. So Mr. Mardon realized that he needed to start a new unit about the war going on in Iraq (about 2/3's of the class knew almost nothing about it). Then about a month later Mr. Mardon started the new unit, by the time the period of that day was over. I was walking out the door in almost tears because Mr. Mardon had just impounded on the class that many say this is the start of something big. . . .

thank you for time,

Erisyn Meek

Erisyn Meek

Jake Waterman  
Congresswoman Darlene Hooley 14133S. Donovan Rd  
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Washington DC. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Jake and I'm a student  
at Ogden Middle School. Our class  
has ~~ben~~ studying the war in IRAQ  
and I have some thoughts I'd like  
to share with you. I think we  
shuld get out of IRAQ before  
any more people die. So that  
family's can be happy that their  
family is finily back to gether  
again. I hope the futur in  
IRAQ is a good and safe.  
Thankyou for your time

Sincerely, Jake

Onel Suggs  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H. O. B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Onel Suggs and I'm a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you.

I don't think we should have sent Americans to Iraq. We should have let the United Nations search for the WMD. I disagree Saddam Hussein may have WMD. I think he might have been angry that he wasn't president of Iraq anymore. No one found any WMD, so he was clean.

If we start a war with multiple countries, then we'll have to help them repair their government. I think that fugitive wars doesn't help anything. Iraq didn't attack us. If it isn't about terrorism, then maybe we shouldn't be fighting for an unclear reason. Thank you for listening to me Mrs. Hooley.

Wes McNeel  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth, H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

My name is Wes and I  
am an eighth grader at Ogden  
Middle School. I would really  
like it if you could bring  
back the troops in Oregon.  
If you could do that I  
would make a lot of families  
and friends very happy.  
I personally don't think the  
war is a good idea.  
because we aren't defeating  
our country. Thank you for  
your time.

sincerely,

Wes

Larry Sparks  
14133 S Donovan rd  
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Congress woman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Hooley,  
My name is Larry and I'm from Ogden.  
I'm writing this to tell you my opinion on the  
war. My opinion is that the war should have  
never begun. ~~be~~ I think this because now  
it's out of control and in the end I  
think we're going to lose a lot of stuff.

Thank you for reading this and goodbye.

Sincerely:

Larry Sparks

Josh Carue  
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OR City, OR  
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Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been studying the war in Iraq. In my class we have come up with some pretty good thoughts and I would like to share them with you.

One thing we learned was that the longer the war goes on the possibility of a draft gets higher. This concerns everyone in our class because a lot of us 4 years down the line could be drafted. We'd be drafted to fight a war that we're not fighting for. Our country we're fighting for another country, we'd be fighting for a country to have our government when they don't want it.

A lot of the students in my class think that we are hurting both us and Iraq more than we are helping. We are spending a ton of money on the war. We are causing more damage to our country than of damage because of suicide bombings and such that wouldn't happen if we weren't there.

I appreciate your time and effort. If you can please write back with your thoughts on our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Josh Carue

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

April 29, 2005

I'm writing to you concerning the War in Iraq.

I was told by my Social Studies teacher to write a letter to you about my opinion on the war.

But I don't really have one. I don't think it's bad and I don't think it's good. I trust George W. Bush in whatever decisions he makes, and I believe that God will tell him what to do to deal with the war.

I would also like to add that I support the troops in their war effort.

I also hope that the war ends before I'm old enough to be drafted, the year 2009.

Yours,

Jessica

Brunelle

P.S.

Thank you very much for being at the ceremony for the dedication of the Civil War soldiers new tomb stone.

I appreciate your support for the soldiers then and now.





ANDREW YANTZ  
16803 S. BRADLEY RD.  
OREGON CITY, OR 97045

CONGRESSWOMAN DARLENE HOOLEY  
1130 LONGWORTH H.O.B.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN HOOLEY,

MY SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE WAR IN IRAQ. WE HAVE BEEN SHARING, WITH EACH OTHER, OUR OPINIONS ON ALL SIDES OF THIS WAR.

MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION, HOWEVER, IS COMPLETELY SPLIT. I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO ACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE, BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SETTING A BAD EXAMPLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES BY ATTACKING WITHOUT BEING ATTACKED FIRST.

I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE DOING A LOT OF DAMAGE, BUT AGAIN I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SAVING A LOT OF INNOCENT LIVES.

WHAT INFORMATION COULD YOU GIVE ME TO HELP ME REACH A SOLID OPINION?

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

Yours truly,  
Andrew Yantz

CONGRESSWOMEN DERLENE HOOLEY  
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WASHINGTON DC 20515

ADRIEN LARSON  
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DEAR MRS. DERLENE HOOLEY,

I am a student at Ogden Middle School.  
We have been studying the war  
in Iraq for about two weeks.

I don't think war is a good thing but I  
think that America's actions were just  
and the threat of Saddam Hussein having  
weapons of mass destruction was too great  
to not take action.

I think it is very important that  
America lead the Iraqi people to  
democracy. It's terrible how Saddam  
has oppressed his own people for  
so long. For the first time in  
many years despite terrorist threats  
many citizens have punched in  
their ballots and voted in their  
new leader. After the liberation  
of Iraq they will lead the  
whole middle east into a promising  
future including equality and finally  
peace.

Lastly this war has the  
potential to reinstate the draft.

I think serving our country is one  
of the most brave and noble things  
someone can do, but it's not fair  
to draft men and women trying  
to live their life with loved  
ones.

THANK YOU, ADRIEN LARSON

MICHELLE PRAY

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Congresswomen Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 1, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Michelle and I am a student at Ogden Middle School. Our class has been studying the war in Iraq for the past couple of weeks and I have some thoughts that I'd like to share with you. For starters I'd like to say that I am pro-war and I agree with our country's decision to go to war. In our class we were equally divided half were pro and half were anti-war. Now after we talked about why we were there and how we have come so far. I started to think if it was a good idea or not. After I thought I decided that it was a good idea to go to war. After all the people of Iraq needed us to help them. Innocent people were dieing everyday for no reason. So we went in and got rid of Saddam Hussein. So then we had to get them a new ruler and that's why we are still there right? I hope we get our solders out soon so no more get hurt. I know a lot of family members and friend are missed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Pray

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

I don't know if you remember me. I met you once at the last democratic campaign party. My mom & I helped with your campaign. I helped around the office by making phone calls, entering data into the computer, making posters, counting tickets, ect. My mom made lots of phone calls until she offered to do canvassing for your campaign.

Yesterday, in my social studies class, I found out that my social studies teacher, Mr. Mardon, wanted us to write a letter to you. I thought how perfect that was I've been meaning to write you for a long time. I just haven't found the time so now I get to do it for points & I get to write to my favorite congresswoman.

I'm writing to tell you where I stand with the war in Iraq. & what I would do if I were in "President" George W. Bush's shoes.

In some ways I agree with the war in others I don't. I agree that Sadam was an evil person & shouldn't be able to rule a country. I also think that we could have done it with out killing so many innocent people. Our soldiers are smart they could have figured out a way to do something like his with out killing as much.

I personally think that we should have gone in got Sadam Hussein trying to not kill every thing that moved, get him out& in prison. Then offer them money & help for the rebuilding of their country if they pay us back with help in wars & if we get stuck in a finical fix.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Liz Lamberth*

Logan Breshears  
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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

My name is Logan Breshears. I am in Mr. Mendon's 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies class. Currently we have been studying Manifest Destiny and westward expansion. Lately we have been discussing a lot about Iraq and the war in Iraq. After all it will be our history. I have been thinking about the events of Iraq lately and I have some questions. When will we start pulling out our troops in Iraq? We have kicked out Saddam's regime, we set up an election, they have a new leader, and we didn't find weapons or Mass Destruction either. I think we should start pulling American troops out of Iraq.

Sincerely,  
Logan Breshears

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C 20515

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley,

Hello my name is Alexis Cardwell and I am an eighth grade student at Ogden Middle School. In my Social Studies class we have been studying the war in Iraq. We have learned that the Iraqis did not have anything to do with the 9/11 attacks, but Al Quida did. So I have a question for you. Why are we at war with Iraq if they did not have anything to do with 9/11? Why are we not at war with Al Quida? I understand both of the sides for pro-war and anti-war. But I think to many people are dying for what we are trying to do. I am very worried that by the time that I am enough to be drafted for the war that the draft might be back. I am very scared that my friends and family might have to go to war and maby even be killed. I thank you for taking time out of your bussy schedule to read my letter.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Cardwell

Dear Congresswoman Darlene Hooley,

4/30/05

Hi my name is Megan Martin from Ogden Middle School. I have a twin sister named Carlie and we live with my parents out in Beavercreek Or. I am writing you this letter because my class and I are studying the war in Iraq. I think we should be there but then again sometimes I don't. I think its a good thing were helping most of the Iraqi people by helping build up some of the stuff that was knocked down, like houses and buildings and also helping them keep some of the streets safe. But some times I think we shouldn't be there because before we were there every thing was fine. Then we came and messed it all up. But I guess it depends on the way you look at it and what you believe is the right thing. In the begging of the war I thought it was cause of the 9/11 taterists attacks. Until my teacher Mr. Mardon told me other wise. You know how on JV you always hear about bad things happening? That's what I thought every day was like there all over that country. The news never shows what good things are happening. So it makes me think and probly a lot of other people think what are we doing to this place? It looks like were destroying it by being there. There's always a car bomber or killed solders from the US, but never any thing good or progress that's ben made on helping the Iraqis that didn't ask for any of this. I wish this was to help the innocent people that live there and not just to case havoc and so many people die form the cause. I guess in the end i'am against the war, but then again I can't really do anything about it un till i'am old enough to vote or really do something about it. So that's why i'am writing to you cause you can do some thing about it or at least say something.

Congresswoman thank you so much for your time. I really apriatiate it.

Sincerely,

Megan Martin

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Congresswoman Darlene Hooley  
1130 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 29, 2005

Dear Mrs. Hooley

My name is Logan Kowaleski and I'm  
an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Ogden Middle School. I'm  
concerned for the guys in the Army and  
think they shouldn't be in Iraq. I'm a peace  
man and I don't think our men should  
be dying every day. We should take our men  
out and handle this in a different way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Logan Kowaleski.