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Pelosi Statement Regarding House Iraq Debate

San Francisco – Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement today regarding the U.S. House of Representatives debate of the President's escalation proposal in Iraq:

"I am proud to lead the efforts in the House of Representatives to put an end to President Bush's war in Iraq. The war in Iraq has caused thousands of American deaths, tens of thousands of innocent casualties, cost hundreds of billions of dollars, and damaged the standing of the United States in the international community.

"This week, the House is debating the President's escalation proposal. President Bush's plan will not make America safer, will not make our military stronger, and will not make the region more stable. A vote of disapproval will send an unmistakable signal to the President: No more blank checks for the war in Iraq. The vote will set the stage for additional legislation to end this war and bring our troops home safely to their families."