Mr. Speaker, like all of my colleagues, I have received

thousands of e-mails, letters, faxes and

phone calls about the ongoing occupation of Iraq. So many of them are

touching, and they are impassioned. They urge me, they call on me, and

they even beg me to get the administration to bring our troops home,

and to allow the Iraqis to restore the security of their Nation.

Last week I received a set of letters that stood out among all of

them, from Ms. Rene King's students at Sheppard School in Santa Rosa,

California. Most of the children are 9 through 13 years old, yet their

thoughts are mature and beyond their age. In fact, their words speak so

much truth, a truth which we can absolutely not ignore.

From Marcos, 10 years old,

From Arturo, 11 years old.

From Freddy, 11 years old.

From Tony, 11 years old.

From Genaro, age 13,

From Yovany, age 12,

From Jose, 10 years old.

From Tomas, age 9,

From Steven, age 12.

One student, Angelina, wrote directly to the President, and here is

what she wrote.

These words are honest, these words are true. If only more people

listen to the children, the future of this Nation may be different.

What a better world we could be living in.

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