Madam Speaker, as President Bush allows the

war in Iraq to drag on, with no change in policy and no end in sight,

it is important that we hear what our combat soldiers are saying on the

front lines of that war. Over the weekend, The Washington Post

published a story on the First Infantry Division of the First

Battalion, which has been patrolling the streets of Baghdad for the

last 14 months. Those troops are tired, bitter and skeptical. One such

soldier told the reporter, and I am quoting,

Our soldiers are also frustrated that decision makers here in

Washington don't fully realize what is going on. Quoting another

soldier

Having been to Iraq a number of times, as many of my

colleagues have, how true that is.

Madam Speaker, none of us in this Chamber can imagine what our

soldiers go through on a daily basis in Iraq, but the White House needs

to start listening to them. It is well past time to bring our sons and

daughters home from this fiasco we call the war in Iraq.