



November 13, 2025

The Honorable Mike Rogers
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House Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
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Dear Chairman Rogers, Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Smith, and Ranking Member Reed,

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge you to **include language repealing the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs) Against Iraq in the conference report of the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act**. Both the House and Senate demonstrated strong bipartisan support for repealing these outdated authorizations in their respective versions of the FY 2026 NDAA, the latest of several years of votes for repeal.

Congress enacted the 1991 and 2002 AUMFs to confront the regime of Saddam Hussein, an adversary who has been deposed for more than two decades. Iraq is now a partner of the United States, and these authorizations no longer reflect current strategic challenges. Repealing these AUMFs would not impact current military missions, but failure to do so risks their potential misuse by future administrations and undermines Congress's constitutional role in matters of war and peace. In fact, fewer than 10% of sitting Members of Congress voted on the Iraq AUMFs. This Congress must reassert its Article I powers in response to today's changed strategic landscape.

This effort has strong bipartisan and bicameral support. Including the repeal language in the final NDAA would send a clear message that Congress is committed to the proper exercise of its constitutional prerogatives and careful oversight of military action.

We urge you to maintain the repeal language in the conference report for the FY26 NDAA. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to this issue.

Sincerely,

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