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## **Obey: A Plan for More than Stay The Course**

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WASHINGTON – Today, Dave Obey (D-WI), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, issued the following response to the President’s statement on Iraq.

“This month the Congress has passed a \$459 billion Defense bill and an additional \$11.6 billion for mine resistant vehicles. \$50 billion more in war funding was passed by the House and is available immediately, but the President must be willing to accept a few conditions.

1. “Our soldiers must be fully equipped and fully trained.
2. “Government employees must follow the Army Field Manual guidelines prohibiting torture.
3. “The President must come up with a responsible plan to bring our troops home from Iraq by December of 2008.

“We cannot stay in Iraq forever. The President should accept these conditions and come up with a responsible plan to bring our troops home.”

Last week Obey and John Murtha (D-PA), Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee, held a press conference on defense funding. They distributed the following fact sheet:

<http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/WarFundingFactSheet11-20-07.pdf>

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