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Witness Against War is a walk from Chicago to St. Paul, nonviolently challenging our country's continuing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our journey began in Chicago, where, in 1968, the Democrats convened during the height of the Vietnam War. The walk will conclude at the Republican National Convention, in St. Paul.

As with the Vietnam War in 1968, we must acknowledge that responsibility for the Iraq War falls upon the shoulders of both the Democratic and Republican parties, and also on state officials and grassroots organizations aiming to influence elected leaders.

The Wisconsin 32nd Brigade Combat Team is on alert for a call-up to active combat duty in Iraq in 2009. We aim to build public opposition that will end the war in Iraq before such a call-up ever occurs.

Our witness will include acts of nonviolent direct action at locations that may include the offices of Congressional Representatives who approve continued war funding. We also plan to deliver our message to Fort McCoy, where units train for eventual deployment to Iraq.

Why the 'Witness Against War' is going on foot to the RNC:

We believe that the means you use determines the end you get.

Our walk from Chicago to St. Paul enlists us, directly, in an ideal means toward reaching our goal of a peaceful society. In a radical departure from our normal modes of interstate transport, we'll be walking every step of the way. As itinerant travelers, we'll rely on hospitality from supporters and, at times, we'll pitch tents at campsites.

A radical change in the way each of us and all of us use our planet's energy and other limited resources must be the core of any contemporary movement to resist war and military empire building.

We walk to persuade our people and their government to divert billions in investment, away from war and the military infrastructure.

Every dollar diverted from current military spending to developing environmentally sustainable initiatives will increase "social security," real social security, of people throughout the world. This is the message of our walk.

The Witness Against War, Summer 2008 campaign aims:

- to press our country to fully fund the reconstruction of Iraq following 18 years of economic and military warfare.
- to prevent the future deployment of the military to Iraq.
- to bring all U.S. troops home safely from Iraq.
- to end all U.S. military action against Iraq, whether by ground, air or sea.
- to ensure full funding for the highest quality health care for veterans & for all living in the U.S.
- to hold both political parties accountable and responsible for continuing the war.

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