



# SUPPORT THE TROOPS. BRING THEM HOME. STOP THE STOP-LOSS.

## 1. GET THE FACTS

It's a backdoor draft, plain and simple. Stop-loss is a little known military policy that involuntarily extends service members' enlistment contracts, thereby preventing them from coming home from Iraq or Afghanistan long after their term of enlistment has ended.

"Stop-Loss" starring Ryan Phillippe is a new film dramatizing the practice of stop-loss. This film gives a first-hand perspective on how the military's policy affects the lives of our soldiers and their families.

This policy is devastating to our soldiers' mental health, to their morale, and to their families. Some are forced to stay overseas for much longer than they had originally signed up for, while others are being sent back to a war zone after having returned to civilian life. The stop-loss policy is not in keeping with the concept of an all-volunteer military.

## 2. TAKE ACTION

Sign our petition urging Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to honor soldiers' enlistment contracts and end the back door draft. The men and women who volunteer to serve our country deserve better. To sign the Stop-Loss petition, go to:

<http://credoaction.com/stoploss>

## 3. SPREAD THE WORD

Help support our troops by telling your friends about the Pentagon's harmful stop-loss policy. You can do this several ways.

- Tell your friends to go see the movie "Stop-Loss"
- Get people to sign the Stop-Loss petition at <http://credoaction.com/stoploss>
- Hand out this flyer at theaters showing "Stop-Loss." You can download the flyer at: <http://credoaction.com/stoploss/stoploss.pdf>

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## ABOUT CREDO ACTION

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*"Stop Loss has been one of the most painful Pentagon policies for those who have served in Iraq. While the film examines how the policy might affect one soldier, this issue affects thousands and thousands of those who serve our nation, in a very similar way. Longer and more frequent deployments have been linked to depression and even suicide among our troops and veterans. We must rally behind our troops, and end this destructive policy."*

— Jon Soltz

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