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Here We Go Again

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Tragically, on December 1 President Barack Obama announced he will deploy an **additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan.**

This deployment will raise our presence to **98,000 U.S. troops.**

The goal, we're told, is to defeat the Al Qaeda terrorist network that threatens our national security. But, according to U.S. National Security Advisor James Jones, **Al Qaeda has fewer than 100 operatives in Afghanistan.** And the Al Qaeda strongholds are now in Pakistan, Indonesia, Morocco, Yemen and Somalia.

President Obama should listen to **Matthew Hoh**, a former Marine Captain and a senior U.S. civilian in Afghanistan. In his resignation letter (Sept. 10), Hoh wrote, "I have lost understanding and confidence in the strategic purpose of the United States' presence in Afghanistan...I have observed that **the bulk of the insurgency fights not for the white banner of the Taliban, but rather against the presence of foreign soldiers** and taxes imposed by an unrepresentative government in Kabul."

So instead of controlling "terrorism," the escalation will be the recruiting sergeant for such organizations, particularly in the Middle East. **The irony is that our government spent hundreds of billions of our tax dollars to make us more hated, less secure, and bring about more deaths.**

It is time to stand up and speak up! We have the power and the responsibility.



Join our 370th Peace Vigil to end the war!

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