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Warm and militant greetings from Kabataang maka-Bayan (KmB) Pro-People Youth USA.



We, the youth, are here today in solidarity with all peace loving people. Not a peace that George Bush Jr. is offering with a new 4 year term to spread so called freedom and democracy. But a peace based on justice. A peace based on truth.

Today, Bush vowed that he would spread liberty around the globe, promised that he would restore hopelessness to the oppressed. So far, this "freedom" and "liberty" that his administration has extended in other parts of the world have manifested as massive human rights violations, and the torturing and murdering of innocent civilians, women and children. All of this has been done under the false pretext of national security and protection of freedom when the real motive for this war is imperialist greed.

We, the youth, stand here with all of you to condemn this deception that the Bush administration continues to propagate. We detest their arrogance and blatant disregard for the Iraqi people's sovereignty. We condemn the Bush administration for its plan to continue its occupation in Iraq, to continue its support for an apartheid government in Israel, and to continue imperialist aggression and occupation in the Philippines, Haiti, Cuba, Korea, Colombia, Venezuela, and in other countries.

While Bush and his cronies continue to implement this 4 year plan of imperialist plunder around the world, the resistance of the youth and the people will continue to intensify. We, the youth, are not blind to the fact that we and the working class are being used for imperialist interest. We are the ones who are sending out our loved ones to a war that they have no business being in. And still military recruits continue to hound our youth into joining a war that the



government and corporate media continue to deceive the American public about.

There is no way that the Bush administration will succeed in spreading freedom and liberty around the world when it is lacking here in the U.S. Here at home, our basic needs continue to be unmet. The economy is still in crisis. Unemployment is on the rise. 50 million people continue to live without healthcare.



Bush stated in his speech today that he plans to restore hope to the oppressed. He needs to start at home. Due to unemployment, young people resort to make ends meet through alternative economic means which often leads to the criminalization of youth. Education continues to be less accessible in our communities as a result of tuition hikes. There is a lack of relevant education being taught in schools. At the same time, schools in disenfranchised communities still face overcrowding and are forced to function without adequate resources.



As the working class and youth today are most affected by the Bush Jr. Regime, we count on these same groups to turn the tide and bring the troops home. But it will not happen overnight. It must take our concerted efforts to involve, arouse, organize, and mobilize the masses, drawing parallels with local issues to the national and international issues. We cannot be idle or disheartened while Bush Jr. now parties with his base of the elite. We must continue to dialogue with our families, friends, and neighbors by presenting concrete facts that counter the biased and racist coverage of the mainstream media.

End the Occupation in Iraq! Down with U.S. Imperialism! Makibaka! Huwag Matakot!