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Date: Friday, March 17th, 2006

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & SW Yamhill, downtown Portland

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The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition*’s Friday rally and march marks the number one theme for the family-friendly demonstration set for the third anniversary of the US war on Iraq on March 19th, “Bring the Troops Home Now – No More Blood for Oil.” The large-scale peace rally and march is set for 1:30PM at Waterfront Park in downtown Portland this coming Sunday, March 19th. The number of local organizations, ranging from church social action committees to local businesses, that have signed on as co-sponsors or endorsers of the peace march is now approaching 150.

“Each day bring more news of tragedy and suffering in Iraq, this week it was the death of American Christian peacemaker, Tom Fox, and the gruesome discovery of 85 executed Iraqi men, many with signs of torture,(1) likely the victims of death squads,” said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC. “Bush and his cabinet have proven time and again that they cannot be trusted, that they are not only brazen law-breakers but that they are criminally incompetent, and the challenge to us is how quickly we can remove them from office.”

Seaman was referring to the publication earlier this month by the *Center for Constitutional Rights* of “Articles of Impeachment Against George W. Bush”, a comprehensive and rigorous account of the charges that would form the basis of legislative efforts to hold the administration to account. The *Center for Constitutional Rights* has been a leading force opposing the Bush Administration’s use of secret detentions without trial and has successfully challenged those and related policies in cases ruled on by the Supreme Court.

“This Sunday will be the next big opportunity for folks to come together for a strong message of peace, and for a new direction for our country,” said Seaman. “We’ll be sending a message to our elected officials in Washington, DC, and to the world that we do not support this war and occupation, that we do not support the Bush regime, and that we are rededicating our communities to restoring our democracy at home, and towards the struggle for peace and justice abroad.”

Joining the Friday rally will be the bus named “Cool” as part of PPRC’s final push to get the word out about the March 19th peace march. The bus is owned by the local environmentalist organization, *Back 2 the WALL*.

For more information about the March 19th peace rally and march, please call (503) 888-7455 or (503) 236-3065.

1. “85 Bodies Found in Baghdad in Sectarian Strife”, March 15, 2006, New York Times, by Jeffrey Gettleman.

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