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## Congresswoman Musgrave urges removal of Arafat

**Washington DC:** Today, Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) urged President George W. Bush to support the removal of Palestinian Prime Minister Yasir Arafat. In a letter to Mr. Bush, Musgrave explains that the lack of cooperation by Arafat to negotiate peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority necessitates his removal.

"Arafat's delineation from the peace process is deliberate, and it destructive to the ongoing efforts for resolution," said Musgrave upon sending this letter. "Since the president and the administration laid out this plan for peace, Arafat has acted as a major road block in his refusal to cede authority and to end to the onslaught of recent terror attacks on Israel."

Musgrave garnered the support of 48 Members of Congress for her letter. Among those who signed are Representatives Eric Cantor (R-VA), Tim Holden (D-PA), Ed Schrock (R-VA), Nick Smith (R-MI), Joe Wilson

(R-SC), Joe Pitts (R-PA). Fellow Colorado Representatives Scott McInnis, Tom Tancredo and Bob Beauprez also signed Musgrave's letter.

In her letter, Musgrave states, "We are a nation committed to ending terrorism, and now is the time to be consistent in that vow. Yasir Arafat is a terrorist. We urge you to lend your strong support to the people of Israel in their call to remove Yasir Arafat, the chief obstacle to progress in the peace process, as the leader of the Palestinian Authority."

*Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the United States House of Representatives in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave please visit her official website at <http://www.house.gov/musgrave>.*