

November 8, 2006 Murtha statement on the resignation of Secretary Rumsfeld

For Immediate Release

Nov. 8, 2006

Murtha statement on the resignation of Secretary Rumsfeld

Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha released the following statement today regarding the resignation of Secretary Rumsfeld:

A fresh face is what was best for the Administration.

A fresh policy is what is best for America.

The Military lost confidence in Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Our troops and their families who have personally endured the burden of this war for so long deserve an achievable plan, and one that is based on redeploying U.S. military forces from Iraq. It was absolutely necessary to bring in a fresh face and I think Bob Gates will actually listen to the military. But, at the press conference yesterday, I was disappointed to hear the same old rhetoric coming from the President. He did not speak about a change of policy in Iraq. Changing the Secretary does not change the policy and the policy is set by the White House. We need a change in Iraq that is based on redeployment because that is what is best for America.