Challenging the President on War Powers

Dear Ava Peterson,

Today, I joined with nine other Members of Congress from both parties in filing a lawsuit in federal court against President Barack Obama that challenges his decision to take us to war in Libya without Congressional approval.

The President has a legal obligation to obtain Congress’s authorization before leading our country into war as required by Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution and the War Powers Act. Since the President failed to do this before ordering our armed forces into action in Libya, we believe the law was violated and we have asked the courts to protect the American people and one of our founding principles: separation of powers. This is about more than party politics or whether you support or oppose our President's policy in Libya - it's about protecting our constitution and the rule of law.

Click below to watch the Press Conference, then sign the petition to stop this war and help grow our movement.

Recently, I asked for your help in contacting Members of Congress to demand that they stand with us to end the war in Libya and defend the Constitution. As more and more members of both parties join me in demanding action, it's clear that your voices are being heard in Washington. No President has the power to unilaterally take us to war - and that message is increasingly resonating across the country and in both parties in Congress. Let's keep up the pressure.
Click here to watch the video, then forward this email to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers right now and ask them to join us in saying no to the war in Libya.

This war is illegal, unjust, misguided and not affordable while so many Americans are suffering in this economy. Together, we can end it.

With respect and optimism,

Dennis Kucinich