

April 23-25:

Converge

legislative trainings, rallies, lobbying, networking and more...

Congress

Join with many other SOA Watch activists and visit your Representatives and Senators in Washington, DC on SOA Watch's Lobby Days, April 23-25, 2006.

We need to build on the momentum of the Vigil with increased pressure on members of Congress! Build crucial support for the upcoming vote to close the School of the Americas (SOA/WHINSEC)!

As soon as the summer of 2006, a vote on the School of the Americas will come up in Congress. We already have over 120 co-sponsors of HR 1217, the legislation introduced by Rep. McGovern that would close and investigate the SOA/WHINSEC.

We are now in our strongest position to close this school since we won a vote in the House of Representatives in 1999. For more information about the Lobby Days and the legislative campaign, visit the SOA Watch webpage or call

(202) 234 3440

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Schedule a meeting with your Representative:

- 1. Call her/his DC office:** ask for the name of the scheduler and the person who handles foreign policy issues and tell them you would like to schedule a meeting for April 24 or 25, 2006.
- 2. Send your request in writing:** be very specific about what you want (a personal meeting about HR 1217), include any information the office requires. Send the request to the scheduler and the foreign policy aide.

- 3. Follow up on your request and be persistent:** Call the office if no one has contacted you in a week. If it seems difficult to get a meeting with your Representative, ask to meet with someone who works on foreign policy issues.

- 4. Let us know about your meeting:** Call (202) 234 3440