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Dear Congressperson –

At our annual convention in Seattle, WA in 2006, Veterans For Peace (VFP) endorsed a resolution supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution that renounces aggressive war, like Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution. Our rationale:

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- Modern high technology warfare threatens all life on Planet Earth
- VFP recognizes this reality in one of its five “Statements of Purpose” by declaring that it seeks, “To abolish war as an instrument of national policy.”
- At the conclusion of World War II, the United States also understood this reality and helped by placing the clause, Article 9, in Japan’s constitution, which abolishes war as an instrument of national policy for Japan.
- Article 9 seems like a profound model for all nations on the planet.
- VFP knows that in the 1920s and 1930s, out of revulsion at the obscenity that was World War I, many constitutional amendments renouncing war were proposed and debated in the Congress.

Wishing to begin this long constitutional amendment process, we ask that you take one small step toward peace by introducing the attached joint resolution and by encouraging debate of it on the floors of Congress, or at the least – by reading it into the Congressional Record.

Action at the VFP annual convention also encouraged our chapters to acquaint their members with the content and history of Japan’s Article 9, and to ask their respective Members of Congress to work to stop the pressure, direct and indirect, by the US Government on the government of Japan to emasculate their Article 9.

Sincerely,

Elliott D.S. Adams, President

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