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Tell Congress: Cut off the School of the Americas!
from School of the Americas Watch

SOA Watch has received confirmation that this week Congress will vote on an amendment to close the School of the Americas, now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.) will introduce an amendment to the Foreign Operations appropriations bill to cut funding for the school!

+ Send an e-mail and fax to your representative! (Be sure to click the "Send a Fax" box to have the fax sent).

The School of the Americas is a military training facility for Latin American security personnel located at Fort Benning, Georgia, that catapulted into the headlines in 1996 when the Pentagon released training manuals used at the school that advocated torture, extortion and execution. Despite this shocking admission and hundreds of documented human rights abuses connected to soldiers trained at the school, no independent investigation into the training facility has ever taken place.

Wednesday, June 7, is a call-in day to close the SOA. Call Congress at (202) 224-3121 or toll-free at 1-888-355-3588.

+ To learn more about the School of the Americas, see the SOA Watch Web site.

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