

5th Anniversary of Iraq War

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On the corner of York Road and Northern Parkway drivers beep their horns in support of the anti-war demonstration on Wednesday's 5th year anniversary of the Iraq War. Matthew Weinstein from Progressive Maryland helped organize the protest and said, "It's incredible it's gone on this long we've also spent \$500 Billion dollars in Iraq. \$10 Billion of that came out of our pockets here in Maryland."

Nearly 100 people stood in the rain holding signs of protest and peace. Amy Co Ortega of Baltimore joined the group for her only son, a 22 year old marine who, like many, is suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. "It can be helped and one of the things we can do is speak out," she says. Zeke Awele of Baltimore said, "Over 4-thousand American troops are dead. I don't know how many Iraqi's have died so we're sick and tired of it, we want out." Judy Pentz of Cockeysville brought this flag from the funeral of naval officer David Roddy of Aberdeen. "I wanted to remember him and so many

other today," she said. Ortega said, "There's no question in my mind that it needs to end now, another soldier another life another Marine, Airman, Sailor, it's not worth it."

To date, 72 local soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq.

