

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President

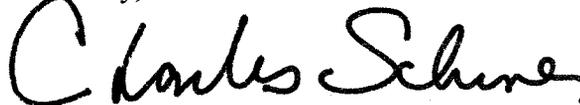
I am writing to encourage you to act with the greatest possible speed to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Cpl. Jason L. Dunham. Cpl. Dunham, who was from Scio, New York, served with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines based at Camp Pendleton, California. It is my understanding that his unit has already nominated him for this honor.

On April 14th in Karbala, Iraq, Cpl. Dunham laid down his life by shielding members of his unit from danger by throwing himself on a live grenade in an act of unbelievable bravery and selflessness that saved the lives of at least two fellow Marines.

By acting quickly and decisively, and with no regard for possible injury to himself, Cpl. Dunham embodied the courage and fortitude that have made the Armed Forces of the United States the most well respected in the world. I can imagine no clearer a case of an individual soldier exhibiting the ideals that the award was established to honor.

Awarding Cpl. Dunham with the Congressional Medal of Honor is the least we as a grateful nation can do in the face of his personal sacrifice and willingness to do his duty no matter what the danger. I encourage you to place the full weight of your office behind ensuring that Cpl. Dunham receives the honor he deserves, and I stand ready to assist you with this in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator