

"I was horrified that our soldiers in Iraq had to scavenge junkyards of former Iraqi military equipment for metal and sheet armor to improve their own vehicles. My constituents were doing this and supplementing it with plywood and sandbags.

We were promised up-armorings by the Administration but this is still woefully inadequate.

The additional weight puts increased stress on the suspension, hampering their operational efficiency, and making them slower.

But even worse the fact the floor is not protected means that the insurgents are now targeting the up-armored vehicles.

"Just a couple weeks ago I've had another of my constituents lose a foot because of these attacks. 2 years later, over 200 billion dollars that Congress has given the Administration, We should not approve another supplemental without adequate guarantees that the needs of our soldiers will be met."