



# **LINCOLN CHAFEE**

## **U.S. SENATOR**

### **RHODE ISLAND**

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## **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

### **CHAFEE INVITES RI NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO WASHINGTON**

#### **Will Attend Iraqi Prime Minister's Speech before Congress**

**PROVIDENCE, RI** -- U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee has invited the coordinator of the Rhode Island National Guard Family Support Center to be his guest when His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, addresses a Joint Meeting of Congress. Senator Chafee has invited Stacy Viens of Woonsocket to use his guest pass, which each member of Congress receives for joint sessions.

The event will take place on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the U.S. Capitol.

Ms Viens serves as the State Family Program Coordinator for the Rhode Island National Guard. She coordinates the "support to readiness" program that assists families with medical documentation, insurance, wills and getting other payments in order prior to deployment. As a 15-year volunteer, she also provided support during Operation Desert Storm.

Her husband, Sgt. First Class Raymond Viens, Jr., is a member of the Alpha Battery 103<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Unit now stationed in Baghdad.