

IS REP. MELISSA HART SUPPORTING TERRORISM?



Imagine you're sitting in church one Sunday morning, and after an energetic homily, the priest begins preparing communion only to be shot through the chest as he raises the host to give thanks. That's exactly what happened to Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Now imagine living in a quiet small farming community. One morning you wake up to go work in your fields but instead you are dragged out of bed by armed military personnel. You are taken into the street with your wife and children, lined up, shot multiple times then thrown in a shallow mass grave with the rest of the villagers. That's exactly what happened to the 900 villagers of El Mozote, El Salvador.

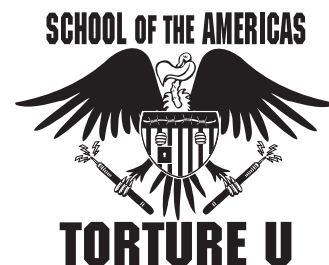
WOULDN'T YOU CALL THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM?

Both of these atrocities were committed by Latin American soldiers trained at the **US Army's School of the Americas*** at Fort Benning, Georgia. This school, which has been in operation since 1947, trains Latin American soldiers in counter-insurgency, interrogation, and torture techniques. **And it's funded by your tax dollars.** While the government tells you that it is waging a war against terrorism, it is **training terrorists in our own backyard.** Every US Representative from Western PA has signed on to legislation to close the School of the Americas, except for Rep. Melissa Hart.

TELL MELISSA HART TO SIGN ON TO H.R. 1258 AND SHUT DOWN THE SOA/WHISC!



**Call one of her offices at:
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The **Western PA Coalition to Close the School of the Americas** is a group of local individuals representing a variety of faith, labor, and community organizations dedicated to shutting down the SOA. For more information, Serena at 412-683-3104

*The School of the Americas was recently renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC)