

STOP CONNECTICUT FROM GIVING GENERAL DYNAMICS MORE MONEY

While there is growing fear of nuclear war and grave concerns about Trump's Nuclear Posture Review, politicians continue to support jobs making more nuclear weapons, while failing to protect jobs in health care, human services, and the arts and non-profit industries.

On January 5th, the New London *Day* reported that Connecticut State Senator Cathy Osten (D., 19) seeks \$150 million of Connecticut state money to support Electric Boat for job training and infrastructure needs. (See <http://www.theday.com/article/20180105/NWS09/180109624>.)

In the February 4th issue of the *Day*, free lance journalist Alex Nunes wrote in response: “ General Dynamics is not a poor company...Like all of the country's top defense contractors, its stock is trading at record highs. As of this writing, one share in the Falls Church, Virginia-based company costs more than \$226, nearly \$55 more than tech giant Apple.

“General Dynamics' current market capitalization, a measure of a company's value, is \$67.2-billion, up \$14.6-billion from 2016. To put that into context, Connecticut's entire gross state product was \$228.5-billion in 2017...

“But, despite revenue in the billions of dollars across all divisions, including the Marine Systems Group, which includes Electric Boat, the company wants \$150 million from Connecticut to offset infrastructure improvements and employee training at its Groton shipyard. The hope is the subsidy will help ready Electric Boat to build the U.S. Navy's next fleet of nuclear-armed submarines, a project the

Congressional Budget Office has said could cost taxpayers up to \$104-billion...”

(Nunes' complete opinion piece may be read in its entirety at <http://www.theday.com/op-edguest-opinions/20180204/general-dynamics-doesnt-need-connecticuts-money> or on his web site, nunesweekly.com/2018/02/04/general-dynamics-doesnt-need-money-from-connecticut-or-maine.)

Please contact your Senators to let them know we do not want Connecticut money going to General Dynamics/Electric Boat. (State Senators representing the greater New Haven area are Gary Holder Winfield, D., 10, and Martin Looney, D., 11. If you are from another district, you can find your Senator's name and contact information at [<https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp>](https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp).)

In addition to GD/EB not needing our money, Connecticut should not be offering corporate welfare for weapons production while cutting needed programs in the midst of this budget crisis.

Thanks to the New England War Resisters League for sharing this information. <https://www.warresisters.org/new-england-office>.

Since 1999, the New Haven Sunday Vigil has been held here every week from 12-1pm at Broadway, Park and Elm Streets in New Haven, CT, to emphatically say NO to the state of permanent, ongoing war against the world being waged by our government and its allies- a war which is terrorizing the planet and destroying lives in order to consolidate enormous power and wealth in the hands of a very few people.

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