

ACTION ITEM FROM “WIN WITHOUT WAR”: BLOCK \$23 BILLION ARMS SALE TO THE UAE

Senators Bob Menendez, Chris Murphy, and Rand Paul have introduced bipartisan legislation in the Senate that would REJECT Trump’s reprehensible attempt to push through \$23 BILLION of fighter jets, armed drones, and bombs to his authoritarian friends in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on his way out of the White House.

The UAE cannot be allowed to operate with impunity for its complicity and crimes in the devastating war in Yemen or ongoing human rights abuses in Libya and across the Horn of Africa.

This legislation is essential not only to stop Trump in his tracks — it will also send a clear signal to President-elect Biden that it’s no longer acceptable to continue business as usual with the UAE.

A vote on these resolutions could come in the coming DAYS — we’ve got to keep the pressure on Congress if we’re going to have any chance to STOP this sale.

Go to: <https://act.winwithoutwar.org/act/senators-block-trumps-23-billion-arms-sale-uae> to add your name to the following message:

To members of the U.S. Senate:

Concerned activists from around the country strongly urge the Senate to pass Joint Resolutions of Disapproval, S.J.Res.77, 78, 79, and 80 to halt the Trump administration’s effort to sell more

The war in Yemen is but one of the many wars throughout the world currently being funded, fueled and/or actively engaged in by our government, paid for by our tax dollars. According to the War Resisters’ League, the money the U.S. budget

provides this year to support the military and wage these ongoing wars is about \$1.6 trillion dollars. Whether by use of armed drones killing from thousands of miles away; the deployment of U.S. troops; direct aerial strikes; the hiring of mercenaries (paid military contractors); and/or all of the above, these wars will continue until we end them.

**Sunday, November 29, 2020
RESIST THIS ENDLESS WAR**

In the wake of the crucial 2020 presidential election, we ask you to think about the issues this vigil has been trying to address in a very modest way over the past 21 years. Often people wonder what we mean when we say, “RESIST THIS ENDLESS WAR.” What we mean is that the serial wars fought by the U.S. and its allies are one war being waged on many fronts. Men, women, and children are being slaughtered, maimed, traumatized, and driven from their homes all over the world so that immense wealth and power can be concentrated in the hands of a very few people.

The weapons of this war are many. Here are just some examples: continued development and production of an ever more deadly nuclear arsenal; drone attacks against human beings many thousands of miles away (targets whose bodies the bombardiers, operating their weapons by remote control, will never have to see); family separations and mass incarcerations and deportations of immigrants and refugees (condemning them, in many cases, to a future of torture or death); the systematic dismantling of an infrastructure and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security that most of us not only depend upon but have funded with our hard-earned tax dollars all our lives; the destruction of our environment; and the undermining of workers’ rights and the refusal to pass a national minimum wage that is a living wage.

This war we continue to face on all fronts transcends partisan politics, and the work to resist it continues with more urgency than ever. Only deeply engaged citizens, able and willing to think critically and to use every nonviolent tactic we can muster, will be able to make the serious, deep, systemic changes that are so very long overdue, changes upon which our very survival depends.

We invite you to join the conversation any Sunday, here at Broadway, Park and Elm Streets in New Haven, 12 to 1 p.m.

<http://newhavensundayvigil.wordpress.com>