

BIDEN PROPOSES TO INCREASE PENTAGON BUDGET!

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The White House released its plans for the Pentagon budget and it is not cutting spending — *it's increasing it*. When Trump entered office, we expected his priorities to increase the Pentagon budget. Now, President Biden has the audacity to raise it further despite the turmoil we have faced in the last year.

What we know is that we are spending a whopping three-quarters of a trillion dollars on wars, weapons, and militarism. To put that in perspective: if you spent \$40 every second, it would take you 792.5 years to go broke if you had a trillion dollars (The New York Times, "[How Many Is a Trillion?](#)"). In the last year, we have faced horrendous forest fires on our West Coast, storms that have demonstrated to us how *fragile* our infrastructure is in the South, millions of people across the country losing their jobs and all sense of security, and the passing of 560,000 people in the states due to COVID-19.

Three-quarters of a TRILLION dollars would save lives. We have a rare window of opportunity to demand a cut to the bloated Pentagon budget. We must contact our Members in the House of Representatives to be vocal NOW!

The Pentagon budget amounts to over half of our annual U.S. so-called 'discretionary' funds — meaning the money Congress appropriates every year. And that money has been thrown in the gutter with **failed billion-dollar programs**, such as the Comanche helicopter, the 40-ton Crusader artillery gun, and the infamous F-35 fighter jet which currently costs \$36,000 per hour, and it has a projected lifetime cost of \$1.7 trillion — the same amount of money that would eliminate all student debt.

The Pentagon is wasting our money. And that's why we need to stop the war business in its tracks — starting with this year's Pentagon budget. While we begin this Herculean task of moving forward from the worst economic crisis in over a century, our Representatives need to hear loud and clear that their constituents don't want more money for war.

The stakes are just too high — Your Representative needs to hear loud and clear from constituents that our future needs Congressional champions and allies to fight for us and demand that we cut the Pentagon budget.

Take a moment to pause and imagine what the world would look like if our spending priorities weren't on war. **We can choose to fight for that today so those dreams become our reality.**

Call your members of Congress at 202-224-3121. Say that we are facing urgent crises that cannot be solved by spending excessively on weapons and wars. Ask that your Representative vocalize our nation's true priorities and ensure we reallocate Pentagon spending to the needs of the people and not to arms contractors and war.

Thank you for working for peace!

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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.