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Peace Economy Project   
Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.



"...they shall beat their swords  
into plowshares..."

## PEP Launches Collaborative Website: "*Peace, Poverty, People and our Nation's Priorities*"

**\$1.2 Trillion in mandatory, across-the-board budget cuts... an Election Year Priority!**

In late August PEP reached out to local activists in the labor, economic justice, peace, faith and other movements to address the \$1.2 trillion in federal budget cuts set to kick in next year. This process known as "sequestration" will take effect in January 2013 unless Congress finds a way to forestall the procedure.

Click "Visit Website" below to explore the new website PEP has launched that will feature national and local news, events, activities and commentary from our partners and others passionately involved with making these devastating cuts that will

impact the nation's most vulnerable citizens an election year priority.

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PEACE ECONOMY PROJECT  
**WINE NOT WAR**  
JOIN PEP AT THE WINE PRESS  
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Friday, October 26th  
5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Greg Stevens, owner, is donating 25% of all proceeds for the evening! So come—have dinner, a glass of wine or a beer. And listen to the music of:  
Kindred Soul  
8 P.M.  
*Folk and Blues*  
Directions at: [www.stlwinepress.com](http://www.stlwinepress.com)



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*With no significant discussion of "the poor" during the first televised presidential debate, justice-seekers must make the issue a national priority.*



by Sylvester Brown, Jr.  
PEP interim Director

Is it just me or does it seem like President Barack Obama, his challenger Mitt Romney and other political candidates have taken a quiet vow not to discuss America's poor in any substantive manner?

[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

Please Join us for a relaxing evening with great music, food and spirits!

**Tila Returns!**

## Straight from the Hill:

Join PEP as they welcome Washington DC registered peace lobbyists from the Friends Committee on National Legislation for a conversation about issues that matter beyond the General Election



Former Peace Economy Director (PEP) director, Tila Neguse returns to St. Louis on Oct. 29th in her new position as the Legislative Associate on Domestic Issues with the Friends Committee on National Legislation (see ad to the left). Tila will be joined by Jim Casen, FCNL's Associate Executive Secretary for Strategic Advocacy. The two will discuss out-of-control military spending, local action on important national issues and more. The event is free to the public and will be held at the Friends Meeting House at 1001 Park Avenue. Seating is limited. Please call 314-726-6406 to rsvp

# Straight from the Hill

Please join the Peace Economy Project (PEP) for a conversation with Washington DC registered peace lobbyists about issues that matter beyond the General Election

**FREE** to the public  
Limited seating please RSVP

**When:** Monday, Oct 29, 2012  
**6:30 pm**

**Where:** Friends Meeting House  
1001 Park Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
For more information  
Call: 314-726-6406  
Hosted by the Peace Economy Project

**Featuring**  
Speakers from Washington DC's Friends Committee on National Legislation

**TOPICS to be discussed:**  
\$1.2 trillion in federal budget cuts and the calamitous effects of Sequestration  
Out-of-Control Pentagon Spending  
Local Action on National Issues  
How to hold elected officials accountable

**About the Friends Committee on National Legislation:**  
FCNL is a Washington-based public interest Quaker lobby that works with a nationwide network to advocate social and economic justice, peace, and good government.

**Guest Speakers:**  
  
Jim Casen  
FCNL Associate Executive Secretary for Strategic Advocacy  
  
Tila Neguse  
FCNL Legislative Associate on Domestic Issues and former PEP Executive Director

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

### The REAL Economic Effects of Reductions in Defense Outlays

Recent studies have attempted to estimate the supposedly adverse economic and employment effects of reductions in government spending. Benjamin Zycher, senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute, examines the prospective economic effects of a reduction below the current baseline in defense outlays. [CLICK HERE](#)

The Peace Economy Project is a Proud Member of the **St Louis Justice and Peace Shares**

<http://jpsstl.org/>

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**PEP needs your help!**

The Peace Economy Project is in need of extra support as we work to build collaborations and increase our efforts locally to reduce military spending and build a peace economy...

**Please Make a Gift to the Peace Economy Project today!**

[Make A Donation](#)

## About Peace Economy Project

The Peace Economy Project is a non-profit, grassroots organization that researches military spending and the military-industrial complex, educates about military spending and advocates for a peace-based, rather than a war-based, economy. PEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. Donations to support the work of the Peace Economy Project may be sent to our office at:

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