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Peace Economy Project 
Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.



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

TAKE ACTION: Call Congress, Tell Them Tighten the Pentagon Budget



Tomorrow, the House of Representatives will vote on the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 (NDAA). **This proposed NDAA would spend \$640 billion more than permitted by law,**

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PEP is preparing our trip to Washington DC to lobby Congress with signatures on our **Congressional Appeal**. Don't forget to add your name on so we can deliver your concern of unchecked military spending to your Congressional Representation.



\$billions more than the Pentagon has asked for.

At a time when cuts are destroying our ability to fund programs for affordable housing, healthcare, and education, it is not right that we funnel more money into the military-industrial complex. **Here in Missouri, students are feeling the effects of their work study amounts being cut.** Nationally, the \$1.2 billion work-study program is being cut by \$49 million, which was initially estimated by the U.S. Department of Education as **leading to 33,000 students being denied work-study jobs.**

Please call your Representative at 202-224-3121 and tell him or her to support amendments to audit and tighten the Pentagon budget (while protecting healthcare and other programs for troops and veterans), rein in the lethal drones program, and end the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) that gave a green light to the past decade of endless warfare.

Emphasize that **in this era of austerity-with sequester-driven cuts to Food Stamps, education, healthcare-many in Congress want to throw money at the Pentagon.** Please ask your Representative to support pending amendments which would:

- Audit the Pentagon
- Cut Pork-unnecessary boondoggle weapons systems including the F-35 fighter plane, the V-22 Osprey device and the Abrams tank.
- Eliminate nuclear weapons and provocative foreign military bases
- Rein in the lethal drones program
- End the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF)

Call your Representative's DC office at 202-224-3121, starting today between 9 am to 6 pm EST (8 am to 5 pm CST).

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PEP held its second poetry event, Women for Peace, at Gya Community Art Gallery last Monday, June 3rd. The event seeks to provide a poetic dedication from the women of St. Louis to women around the world to promote Gender Violence Awareness,

Learn How to Transform Our Economy

Peace Action and US Labor Against the War are hosting a webinar on June 20th, **Taking our Communities from Pentagon Cuts to a New Economy: Webinar with Miriam Pemberton.**

To move to a "new economy" which creates good paying, union jobs means organizing to cut the Pentagon budget and move that money to achieve economic conversion. Economic conversion is moving to design peacetime manufacturing and retooling military facilities to produce what our communities need.

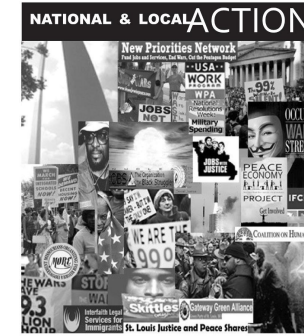
This webinar will drill down on proposals for Congressional action and state legislation to transition from a war economy to a sustainable peace economy.

**Thursday, June 20th
7:00 p.m. CST**
RSVP [here](#).
[Visit our website for more information.](#)

Together we are stronger!



Produced by Susan Spitfire Lively, the second installment of Women for Peace featured work by Maria Teresa Balogh, Pamela Garvey, Surreal Sista, and Maria Guadalupe Massey. It also featured more than just poetry, with short story and prose readings as well as a Colombian dance demonstration.



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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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