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...they shall beat their swords into plowshares™

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Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.

Resist Endless War

President Obama requests new AUMF

President Obama has reached out to Congress to make the war against ISIL official, requesting an Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). It is been long past due for Congress to have this debate about whether or not the US should authorize war against ISIL, and one that we hope they will take very seriously.

The Peace Economy Project opposes the passage of the AUMF, and the trend towards endless war that we have seen played out in the Middle East. President Obama may be asking for permission now, but the fact remains that the US has been engaged in air strikes against ISIL since August, regardless of any official declaration of war.

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Upcoming Events

**Malcolm and the
Struggle for
Liberation
Saturday,
February 21
noon - 1:30 pm
Blank Space, 2847
Cherokee**

**People's Movement
Assembly
Saturday,
February 21
3:00 - 6:00 pm
Greater St.
Mark Church, 9950
Glen Owens Dr,
Dellwood**

President's 2016 budget seeks to keep Pentagon bloated

President Obama's 2016 budget proposal left much to be desired, especially when his request for the Department of Defense is the highest in the nation's history at \$534 billion. This doesn't include additional funding for war, nuclear weapons in the Department of Energy, and other national security areas, bringing the grand total of national defense discretionary spending to \$612 billion. That's \$38 billion over Budget Control Act caps instituted by the sequester.

It is irresponsible to remove the caps imposed by the Budget Control Act for military, but not for other programs within discretionary spending. Although Obama's budget would increase education funding to include the new free community college program and funding to address climate change, it's not enough to reverse the damage that has been done. The priorities of the American people are not reflected in the President's budget, and it's time we made some changes to ensure that it does.

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**Anti-Racist
Collective Meeting
Sunday,
February 22
3:30 - 5:30 pm
Greater St. Mark
Church, 9950
Glenwood Dr,
Dellwood**

**Ferguson2Palestine
Saturday,
February 28
4:00 - 7:30 pm
Friends Meeting,
1001 Park Ave**

**Don't Shoot
Coalition Lobby
Day
Tuesday, March 3
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Missouri State
Capitol, Jefferson
City**

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