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APPEAL TO PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE U.S. CONGRESS: REDUCE MILITARY SPENDING 25% - FUND OUR COMMUNITIES

With the U.S. facing devastating economic and environmental crises, with our states and cities forced into layoffs and cutbacks, now is the moment to demand a shift in our country's priorities. Military spending -- now more than $700 billion per year -- is bankrupting our country and draining the life blood of our communities.

Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank, in calling for a 25% reduction in military spending, has put the issue clearly -- *"If we are not able to get military spending under control……we will not be able to respond to important domestic needs."*

We support a 25% reduction in military spending, with the savings redirected to urgent needs, including the funding of jobs in housing, health care, education, clean energy and infrastructure repairs -- and preventing the layoff of State and local public workers in the Commonwealth.

The call for a 25% reduction is a practical step. Just ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, cutting unneeded weapons programs, and eliminating wasteful spending would easily meet the goal without compromising our security in any way.

BACKGROUND:

--The US spends almost as much on its military as all the other countries of the world *combined*.
--The military budget almost doubled during the eight years of the Bush administration.
--More than half of all U.S. annual discretionary spending goes to the military and war fighting.
--Tens of billions are spent on costly and unnecessary weapons systems.
--The US maintains more than 800 military bases in almost 100 foreign countries.
--The U.S. pours nearly $500,000 per minute into the Iraq war.

The 25% Solution campaign of Greater Boston United for Justice with Peace is part of a nation-wide campaign to cut military spending and fund our communities.

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