

# IT'S TIME TO MOVE THE MONEY!



For jobs, healthcare, education,  
mortgage relief, housing, infrastructure,  
environmental protection, veterans benefits,  
childcare, city & state budget relief . . .  
to restore vital social programs,  
and meet urgent human needs . . .

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Military spending now consumes 58¢ of every discretionary tax dollar.
- The government will spend over \$1 trillion to support the direct and indirect costs of our national security in 2010.
- The White House's annual budget request for the Defense Department (\$534 billion for 2010) is only a portion of what the United States spends on its military.
- Each year other federal agencies, such as the Department of Energy, contribute additional billions to the official annual defense budget.
- This annual defense budget does not include the cost of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- The U.S. ranks #1 in the world for military expenditures.
- The U.S. spends 45% of all world military expenditures.
- U.S. military expenditures are greater than the total military budgets of the 14 next largest countries - combined.
- Since the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, the Iraq and Afghan wars together have cost \$1.05 trillion and with projected future costs, the total will exceed \$5 trillion.
- Each troop we keep in Afghanistan for a year costs taxpayers \$1.2 million, equivalent to 24 good, green union jobs.
- From 2001 - 2008, federal budget authority increased twice as fast as federal grants to state and local governments. During the same period, federal military expenditures increased THREE times as fast as the overall federal budget.
- What we'll spend this year on Afghanistan alone would cover all of the state budget deficits combined, with money left over for other needs.

**BRING ALL THE  
TROOPS AND  
WAR \$\$\$  
HOME  
NOW!**

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FOR NEW  
PRIOR-  
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# U.S. Labor Against the War



*U.S. Labor Against the War* stands with Wisconsin teachers, firefighters, clerks, police, and all public workers as they resist the outrageous attacks on public sector workers and their unions in that state. We see these attacks also in Ohio, New Jersey, and across the country, wherever governors and legislatures seek to blame and punish working people for budget crises that originated not from workers and their unions, but from irresponsible corporate behavior.

*Destroying the ability of public sector unions to represent their members has terrible consequences for everyone, not just those immediately under attack* – workers in the private sector, whose unions will be more vulnerable if these public sector attacks prevail; and the general public who rely on parks, sanitation services, schools, police and fire protection, and so many other public services that will be cut if these terrible priorities take hold.

## RALLY TO SUPPORT WISCONSIN WORKERS

As we have long stood in solidarity with Iraqi workers struggling for basic union rights under U.S. occupation, we now stand with all American workers seeking those same rights here at home. We in *US Labor Against the War* urge our affiliated unions, central labor councils, state federations, and others to organize public demonstrations to support Wisconsin workers now in the national spotlight. We urge all working people to resist similar attacks in their states and communities as they develop.



## WE NEED NEW PRIORITIES



We do not accept that the cuts are inevitable because “there is no money.” There’s a lot of money available if we change our priorities. We call for new priorities in this country that put urgent human needs ahead of war and military spending. Many state budget deficits would be completely eliminated if even half the taxes people in that state sent to Washington for war would be redirected back to aid state programs. This would continue and enhance the federal aid to states that was part of the 2009 stimulus package and is now coming to an end.

## MOVE THE MONEY - Rebuild America

**BOOKS, NOT BOMBS**

**HEALTH CARE, NOT WARFARE**

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