Where Are Your Tax Dollars Going?

In 2011, Congress allocated $699 billion, 51.9% of all discretionary funds, to the military. This figure represents about $5,894 from each US household.

Does Our Country Need to Spend This Much Money To Protect Us From Adversaries?

NO! The US spends more than any other country in the world on its military, and accounted for 43% of the entire world’s military expenditures in 2010.
The Cost to Mercer County, NJ

Tax payers in Mercer County will pay **$1.2 billion** for proposed Department of Defense spending for FY 2012. That same money could provide:

- 15,588 elementary school teachers for one year.
- 573,268 children receiving low-income healthcare for one year.
- 103,261 scholarships for university students for one year.
- 685,022 households with renewable electricity – solar photovoltaic for one year.
- 12,382 Police or sheriff’s patrol officers for one year.

What Can I Do?

- **Call your US Representative and Senators** and urge them to cut the Pentagon budget! Call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to them. You can find out who your elected officials are by visiting congress.org

- **Utilize the media** (letters to editor, radio talk shows, public access television, social media sites) to demand cuts to the bloated Pentagon budget.

- **Make copies of this flyer** and distribute it to friends and family!

- **Contact the Coalition for Peace Action** for further information and resources (you can find many on our website’s Peace Economy Campaign page; see below).

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