

**Take these actions**  
**CUT MILITARY SPENDING AND**  
**MOVE FUNDS TO DOMESTIC NEEDS:**



1. Ask your congressperson to join the House Defense Spending Reduction Caucus. Take action now:  
<https://www.codepink.org/dsrcaucus>

2. Call on your US Representative and US Senators to co-sponsor this federal legislation to reduce the size and impact of the US military and nuclear weapons.

**a. People Over the Pentagon Act (HR1134)**

The People Over the Pentagon Act of 2023 is legislation proposed in the United States Congress that would reduce the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2023 by one hundred billion dollars (\$100,000,000,000). First introduced into Congress by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), it has 24 co-sponsors as of July 2024 including Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer & Rep. Val Hoyle. The bill has not been introduced into the Senate yet. Please ask your Senators to introduce it now.

**b. Dept. of Peacemaking Act of 2023 (HR1111)**

This legislation would create a Department of Peacemaking, dedicated to peacebuilding, peacemaking, and the study and promotion of conditions conducive to both domestic and international peace and a culture of peace. The Department of Defense and the Department of State must consult with the department concerning nonviolent means of conflict resolution when a conflict between the United States and any other government or entity is foreseeable, imminent, or occurring. Rep. Bonamici is the only Oregon co-sponsors among its 49 co-sponsors. It has not been introduced into the Senate yet.

**c. Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act (HR4529 in 2022 Congressional session; needs to be reintroduced into the current Congress)**

The purpose of this legislation is to affirm the religious freedom of taxpayers who are conscientiously opposed to participation in war, to provide that the income, estate, or gift tax payments of such taxpayers be used for nonmilitary purposes, to create the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund to receive such tax payments, to improve revenue collection, and for other purposes. It has not been introduced into the US House or US Senate in the current session of Congress.

**d. Restrict First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2023 (HR669/SB1186)** This legislation proposes that it is the policy of the United States that no first-use of nuclear strike should be conducted absent an official declaration of war by Congress. First introduced in Congress by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA), it has 31 House co-sponsors as of March 2023 including OR Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Suzanna Bonomici and Valeria Hoyle. This bill has been introduced into the Senate as SB1186; Both Oregon Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden are among the 8 co-sponsors.

**Find your US Representative and US Senators and their contact information here:**

<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

## Additional Federal legislation to address militarism

**HR1679 – Bipartisan Ban on Congressional Stock Ownership Act of 2023.** This bill prohibits Members of Congress and their spouses from owning or trading stocks, bonds, commodities, futures, or any other form of security. Introduced on March 21, 2023; it has 28 Co-sponsors (20 Democrats, 8 Republicans). No co-sponsor is from Oregon. A similar bill has been introduced into the Senate: S2773, the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act, with 8 co-sponsors. The only Oregon co-sponsor is Rep. Valerie Hoyle.

Each current Member must divest within 180 days after the bill is enacted and each new Member must divest within 180 days after becoming a Member. However, Members and their spouses have 5 years to divest from specified complex investment vehicles. The bill does not apply to certain investments, such as investments in widely held investment funds that are diversified and do not present a conflict of interest and investments held in government employee retirement plans.

A Member or spouse who violates the bill may be subject to a fine of up to \$50,000 for each violation. The bill permits a Member or spouse who is required to divest property under the bill to avoid recognizing gain for income tax purposes from the sale of that property to the extent that the Member or spouse purchases permitted bonds or diversified investment funds within 60 days of the divestiture.

**HR7264 – Stop Politicians Profiting From War Act of 2024.** This Act would prohibit defense industry stock trading and ownership by Members of Congress and others. Introduced Feb 6, 2024 with two co-sponsors, none from Oregon. This has not been introduced into the US Senate yet.