

# Cut Military Spending & Move Funds To Domestic Needs: Take These Actions Now to Establish Global Peace

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1. Ask your congressperson to join the House Defense Spending Reduction Caucus. Take action now at <https://www.codepink.org/dsrcaucus>.
2. Call on your US Representative and US Senators at their local or DC office to co-sponsor the federal legislation listed below to reduce the size and impact of the US military.

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## People Over the Pentagon Act (HR 1134)

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 20 co-sponsors as of July 2023. The bill has not been introduced into the Senate yet. Please ask your Senators to introduce it now.



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## Restrict First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2023 (HR 669)

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 33 co-sponsors as of March 2023. This bill has not been introduced into the Senate yet this session; however, it has been in the past with 8 Democrats as co-sponsors.



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## Dept. of Peacebuilding Act of 2023 (HR 1111)

This legislation would create a Department of Peacebuilding, dedicated to peacebuilding, peacemaking, and the study and promotion of conditions conducive to both domestic and international peace and a culture of peace. This bill will require Departments of Defense and State to consult with the Department of Peacebuilding concerning nonviolent means of conflict resolution when a conflict between the United States and any other government or entity is foreseeable, imminent, or occurring. This bill has 33 co-sponsors. It has not been introduced into the Senate yet.



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## Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act (HR 4529)

Introduced in the 2022 Congressional session, this bill 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. It provides 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.