

Peoples Budget Campaign Recommendations for cuts in Pentagon Budget based on principles outlined in the present Peoples Budget:

(Note: to view those principles in the Peoples Budget, please see attached Appendix 1. To view the foreign policy perspectives that underlie these cuts that we hope will be specified in the next People Budget, please see attached Appendix 2)

OCO:

1. 1 year of Overseas Contingency Operations funding only to the extent required to fund withdrawal of all troops from Afghanistan. Then zero OCO for the next 9 years. Savings \$761 billion over 10 years (Presently in 2015 Peoples Budget). Stop escalating U.S. war in Syria and Iraq. Focus on non-military approaches of cutting funding to ISIS, funding diplomacy.

Nuclear Modernization:

2. Cancel modernization program for our nuclear arsenal.
 1. Cancel the Long Range Strike Bomber: savings \$27 billion over 10 years
 2. Cancel the new ballistic missile submarine: savings \$33 billion over 10 years
 3. Cancel procurement and R&D on ICBM upgrades: 32 billion over 10 years
 4. Cancel the air launched cruise missile: 3 billion over 10 years
 5. Scale back the B61 bomb life extension program: \$4 billion over 10 years
 6. Cancel domestic uranium enrichment. Savings \$100 million for one year
 7. Cancel the mixed oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility. Savings \$345 million for one year
 8. Return Naval Reactors to projections in 2015 budget request. Saving \$104 million for one year

Transfer some of the funds saved by canceling these dangerous nuclear projects above to programs that benefit all of us: an emergency effort to deal with climate change, affordable housing, job training, education, food stamps, etc.

Procurement:

1. Cancel specific big ticket items not consistent with a military aligned to deal with 21st century threats :
 1. Reduce aircraft carriers and air wings by one each: savings \$341 million for one year
 2. Cancel the F-35: savings \$4.8 billion for one year
 3. Cancel M-1 Abrams Tank upgrades: Savings: \$446 million for one year
 4. Cancel or Pause Littoral Combat Ship. Savings: \$1.860 billion for one year
 5. Cancel AH-64 Attack Helicopter Mods: Savings: \$116.15 million in one year
 6. Cancel C-130j cargo aircraft: savings: \$2.58 billion in one year
 7. Return Long-Range Standoff to 2015 request acquisition schedule. Savings: \$27 million per year
 8. Maintain the Fy 2015 projected funding for the Missile Defense Agency. Savings \$305 million
 9. Adopt Defense Business Board Moderate Efficiency Savings Scenario. Savings \$7 billion per year
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1. Reduce procurement and research, development, test and evaluation spending via Smart procurement choices

2. Use part of the savings realized by these cuts of unnecessary weapons systems to transition workers now making such weapons to the production of subway cars, light rail and windmills.

Operations:

1. Close any foreign military bases not consistent with a military infrastructure aligned with modern security threats rather than those of the cold war era. Closing our military base in Cuba should be done immediately.
2. Stop expanding NATO to the borders of Russia; deescalate by withdrawing military forces and weapons systems.

Personnel:

1. Reduce reliance on private contractors, transitioning their work to civilian personnel -- stop the corruption and waste we have seen associated with outsourcing. Cut service contracting by 15%: savings \$23.5 billion
2. Through attrition, create a smaller force structure with fewer personnel that is adapted to current threats and challenges, such as nuclear proliferation, non-state actors and cyberwarfare.
3. Downsize the Pentagon bureaucracy based on a detailed audit to identify unnecessary, duplicative and wasteful programs and staffing

Foreign Arms Sales:

1. End subsidies that promote the sale of deadly weapons around the world by multibillion dollar weapons contractors. Rigorously enforce the Leahy Law barring sale or transfer of arms to human rights abusers.

Just Transition:

2. Fully fund and expand just transition planning and subsidies to such programs at the state and local level; require every weapons program to develop a transition plan that can be implemented when the program is reduced or eliminated; require every military contractor to develop a transition plan as part of their bidding and consider those plans in awarding contracts; increase funding to the Office of Economic Adjustment in the Pentagon to provide assistance and support to communities seeking to implement just transition plans