SUPPORT BARNEY FRANK'S CALL FOR A 25% CUT IN MILITARY SPENDING

The military budget of the United States is as large as the combined military budgets of the rest of the world. It is the result of a political process and is not based on realistic military needs. This expenditure is much greater than is necessary for national security. Democracy means little if elected officials do not exercise their responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment, affordable health care for all, old-age and disability security, an effective and equitably financed education system, a stable economic system for every citizen, and support for our social safety net. Five million jobs across the country have been lost and here in Newton we have had layoffs and cuts in school programs and social services. Now is the time to reduce the military budget and reallocate the money to domestic needs. Therefore,

- We support Representative Barney Frank's proposal for a 25% cut in the military budget.
- We view Rep. Frank's plan as a first step toward further timely cuts until the military budget has shrunk to an amount consistent with the legitimate defense needs of the country

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