

America Says No to War Spending

Congressional Candidates and National Organizations Oppose War Spending

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Sixty-six congressional candidates and 24 national organizations are opposing any more funding for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, no matter what unrelated measures are packaged into the same bill, and no matter whether the bill appears likely to pass or not. This position contrasts strongly with that of most [incumbent](#) congress members who “oppose” and “criticize” the wars. The new Coalition Against War Spending is inviting more candidates, including all incumbents, and national organizations to join. The 66 candidates who have already signed on are from 25 different states, and include 22 Greens, 19 Democrats, 19 Libertarians, 3 Independents, 1 Republican, 1 Socialist, and 1 Peace and Freedom Party member (and more may be added to [the website](#) by the time you read this). Fifty-six are candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, and 10 for the Senate.

The U.S. Senate passed \$33.5 billion to escalate the war in Afghanistan on Thursday, and the House is likely to take up the same bill in some form following next week’s recess.

Members of the Coalition Against War Spending do not all agree with each other on many topics, including their reasons for opposing war spending. But they all back this short statement:

“The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost Americans over \$1 trillion in direct costs, and over \$3 trillion altogether. At a time when our national debt exceeds \$13 trillion, we can no longer afford these wars. It’s time for Congress to reject any funding except to bring all our troops safely home.”

SIGNED BY CANDIDATES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives:

[Nick Coons](#), AZ-05, Tempe/Scottsdale, Libertarian | [Statement](#)

[Rebecca Schneider](#), AZ-06, Phoenix, Democrat

[Richard Grayson](#), AZ-06, Apache Junction, Green | [Statement](#)

[Carol Wolman](#), CA-01, northwest corner, Green

[Clint Curtis](#) CA-04, northeast corner, Democrat | [Statement](#)

[Ben Emery](#) CA-04, Nevada City, Green

[Mark Williams](#), CA-12, San Carlos, Libertarian

[Mary V. Larkin](#), CA-17, Monterey, Libertarian | [Statement](#)

[Les Marsden](#), CA-19, Yosemite/Mariposa, Democrat | [Statement](#)

[Randall Weissbuch](#), CA-26, Arcadia, Libertarian

[Richard R. Castaldo](#), CA-30, Peace and Freedom Party

[Marcy Winograd](#), CA-36, Los Angeles, Democrat | [Video](#)

[William Hedrick](#), CA-44, Riverside/San Clemente, Democrat

[Ken Arnold](#), CA-46, Orange and L.A., Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Mike Paster](#), CA-49, Fallbrook, Libertarian
[Tracy Emblem](#), CA-50, San Diego, Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Michael Benoit](#), CA-52, San Diego, Libertarian
Lisa Ann Green, CA-53, Venice, Green
[Gary Swing](#), CO-01, Denver, Green | [Statement](#)
[G. Scott Deshefy](#), CT-02, New London, Green
[Doug Tudor](#), FL-12, Riverview et al, Democrat
[Marleine Bastien](#), FL-17, North Miami, Democrat
[Regina Thomas](#), GA-12, Savannah, Democrat
[Matt Reichel](#), IL-05, Chicago, Green
[Bill Scheurer](#), IL-08, Lindenhurst, Green / Independent
[Rodger Jennings](#), IL-12, Alton, Green
[Doug Marks](#), IL-14, Carpentersville, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Sheldon Schafer](#), IL-18, Peoria, Green
[John Wayne Cunningham](#), IN-08, Terre Haute, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[James E. "Jim" Holbert](#), KY-05, London, Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Peter White](#), MA-10, Cape Cod, Independent
[Charlie Shick](#), MI-03, Wyoming, Green
[Anna Janek](#), MI-09, West Bloomfield, Republican
Michael Cavlan, MN-05, Minneapolis, Independent Progressive | [Statement](#)
[Kevin Craig](#), MO-07, Springfield, Libertarian
[Thomas Hill](#), NC-08, Fayetteville, Libertarian
[Lon Cecil](#), NC-12, High Point, Libertarian
[Jonathan Tasini](#), NY-15, New York City, Democrat | [Statement](#) | [Video](#)
[Emin Eddie Egriu](#), NY-28, Buffalo, Democrat
[Chris Henry](#), OR-01, Portland, Green
[Michael Meo](#), OR-03, Portland, Green | [Statement](#)
Ebert G. Beeman, PA-03, Lake Erie, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
Vernon Etzel, PA-05, Oil City, Libertarian
[Ed Bortz](#), PA-14, Pittsburgh, Green | [Statement](#)
[Jake Towne](#), PA-15, Nazareth, Independent | [Statement](#)
David Segal, RI-01, Democrat
[Eric Schechter](#), TN-05, Nashville, Democrat
[Christopher J. Claytor](#), TX-03, Plano, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Steve Susman](#), TX-22, Houston, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Martin Nitschke](#), TX-23, El Paso to San Antonio, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[John Jay Myers](#), TX-32, Dallas, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Claudia Wright](#), UT-02, Salt Lake City, Democrat
[Ron Fisher](#), VA-08, Arlington, Independent Green/Progressive
[Larry Kalb](#), WA-02, northwest corner, Democrat
[Diana McGinness](#), WA-02, Bellingham, Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Roy Olson](#), WA-09, Olympia, Green | [Statement](#)

Candidates for U.S. Senate:

[Duane Roberts](#), CA, Green | [Statement](#)
[Gail K Lightfoot](#), CA, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[John Finger](#), CO, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Bob Kinsey](#), CO, Green | [Statement](#)

[Richard A. Weir](#), NC, Green | [Statement](#)
[Cecile Lawrence](#), NY, Green
[Dan La Botz](#), OH, Socialist | [Statement](#)
[Rick Staggenborg](#), OR, Green
[Mel Packer](#), PA, Green | [Statement](#)
[Ben Masel](#), WI, Democrat (2012)

Organizations:

[Backbone Campaign](#)
[Campaign Corner: A Home for Progressive Populist Candidates](#) | [Statement](#)
[CODE PINK: Women for Peace](#)
[Consumers for Peace](#)
[The Democratic Activist](#)
[Democrats.com](#)
[End US Wars](#)
[Global Exchange](#)
[Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space](#)
[Global Peace](#)
[Green Change](#) | [Statement](#)
[Jobs for Afghans](#) | [Statement](#)
[Justice Through Music](#)
[Liberty Tree](#)
[Military Families Speak Out](#)
[Peace Majority Report](#)
[Progressive Democrats of America](#)
[Progressive Push](#)
[Proposition One Campaign](#)
[Rethink Afghanistan](#)
[Velvet Revolution](#)
[Veterans For Peace](#)
[Voters For Peace](#)
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NB: The candidates and organizations listed here are not endorsing each other, and many strongly disagree with each other on many issues. But all fully support the statement at the top.

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