

War Economy Conducive to Staggering Public Debt: Teachers or Wars, We Can't Fund Both

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The National Education Association Peace and Justice Caucus has joined 110 other organizations and congressional candidates in opposing any more funding of foreign wars. While the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee has stalled further war escalation funding until Congress funds teachers, teachers themselves do not want the war escalation funded at all, and certainly not with school funding used as pretty packaging on the same piece of legislation.

Eighty-four congressional candidates and 27 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 84 candidates who have already signed on are from 27 different states and Washington, D.C., and include 31 Greens, 24 Libertarians, 21 Democrats, 4 Independents, 1 Republican, 1 Socialist, and 2 Peace and Freedom Party members (and more may be added to [the website](#) by the time you read this). Seventy-three are candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, and 11 for the Senate.

The U.S. Senate passed \$33.5 billion to escalate the war in Afghanistan last month, and the House is likely to take up the same bill in the coming days or weeks.

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:

[Ken Adler](#), AR-01, Batesville, Green | [Statement](#)

[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
[Eugene E Ruyle](#), CA-06, Marin/Sonoma, Peace and Freedom | [Statement](#)
[Jeremy Cloward](#), CA-10, Pleasant Hill, Green | [Statement](#)
[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](#)
Jerell Klaver, CO-05, Manitou Springs, Libertarian | [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 Duncan](#), IN-04, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[John Wayne Cunningham](#), IN-08, Terre Haute, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[James E. "Jim" Holbert](#), KY-05, London, Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Philip Dunkelbarger](#), MA-09, Westwood, Independent | [Statement](#)
[Peter White](#), MA-10, Cape Cod, Independent
[Charlie Shick](#), MI-03, Wyoming, Green
[Anna Janek](#), MI-09, West Bloomfield, Republican
Diana Longrie, MN-04, Democrat | [Statement](#)
Michael Cavlan, MN-05, Minneapolis, Independent Progressive | [Statement](#)
[Kevin Craig](#), MO-07, Springfield, Libertarian
William OBrien, MO-09, Mexico, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[Thomas Hill](#), NC-08, Fayetteville, Libertarian
[Lon Cecil](#), NC-12, High Point, Libertarian
[Anthony Gronowicz](#), NY-07, New York City, Green
[Jonathan Tasini](#), NY-15, New York City, Democrat | [Statement](#) | [Video](#)
[Emin Eddie Egriu](#), NY-28, Buffalo, Democrat
[Marc Johnston](#), OH-02, Blue Ash, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[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, Providence, Democrat
[Robert A. Dobbs](#), SC-01, Myrtle Beach, Green | [Statement](#)
[Eric Schechter](#), TN-05, Nashville, Democrat
[Christopher J. Claytor](#), TX-03, Plano, Libertarian | [Statement](#)
[James Arthur Strohm](#), TX-21, Austin/San Antonio/Kerrville, 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
[Gail Parker](#), VA-01, Green
[John Kelly](#), VA-03, Green
[Janet Murphy](#), VA-04, Green
[Ron Fisher](#), VA-08, Arlington, Independent Green/Progressive
David Gillis, VA-11, Green
[Larry Kalb](#), WA-02, northwest corner, Democrat
[Diana McGinness](#), WA-02, Bellingham, Democrat | [Statement](#)
[Roy Olson](#), WA-09, Olympia, Green | [Statement](#)
Natale Straccuzzi, Washington D.C., Green

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](#)
[BuzzFlash](#)
[Campaign Corner: A Home for Progressive Populist Candidates](#) | [Statement](#)
[Campaign for Peace and Democracy](#)
[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](#)
[National Education Association Peace and Justice Caucus](#)
[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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