

# U.S. Labor Against the War



*U.S. Labor Against the War* stands with Wisconsin teachers, firefighters, clerks, police, and all public workers as they resist the outrageous attacks on public sector workers and their unions in that state. We see these attacks also in Ohio, New Jersey, and across the country, wherever governors and legislatures seek to blame and punish working people for budget crises that originated not from workers and their unions, but from irresponsible corporate behavior.

*Destroying the ability of public sector unions to represent their members has terrible consequences for everyone, not just those immediately under attack – workers in the private sector, whose unions will be more vulnerable if these public sector attacks prevail; and the general public who rely on parks, sanitation services, schools, police and fire protection, and so many other public services that will be cut if these terrible priorities take hold.*

## RALLY TO SUPPORT WISCONSIN WORKERS

As we have long stood in solidarity with Iraqi workers struggling for basic union rights under U.S. occupation, we now stand with all American workers seeking those same rights here at home. We in *US Labor Against the War* urge our affiliated unions, central labor councils, state federations, and others to organize public demonstrations to support Wisconsin workers now in the national spotlight. We urge all working people to resist similar attacks in their states and communities as they develop.



## WE NEED NEW PRIORITIES



We do not accept that the cuts are inevitable because "there is no money." There's a lot of money available if we change our priorities. We call for new priorities in this country that put urgent human needs ahead of war and military spending. As the box on the reverse of this page shows, many state budget deficits would be completely eliminated if even half the taxes people in that state sent to Washington for war would be redirected back to aid state programs. This would continue and enhance the federal aid to states that was part of the 2009 stimulus package and is now coming to an end.

## MOVE THE MONEY - Rebuild America BOOKS, NOT BOMBS HEALTH CARE, NOT WARFARE

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# ARE YOU FACING JOBS CUTS AND SLASHED SERVICES BECAUSE OF A STATE BUDGET DEFICIT?

## WE NEED NEW PRIORITIES

### Stop Funding Wars

### *Move the Money to Save Jobs and Services*

Check Out and Join the New Priorities Network

([www.newprioritiesnetwork.org](http://www.newprioritiesnetwork.org))

### Compare the Cost for War for Each State with its Budget Deficit in 2011

(All amounts are in billions of dollars for 2011)

Paid for Iraq and Afghanistan*		Deficit
California:	\$21.8	\$19.7**
Florida:	\$9.5	\$4.7
Indiana:	\$2.6	\$1.3
Iowa:	\$1.3	\$1.1
Maine:	\$0.5	\$0.9
Michigan:	\$4.6	\$2.0
Mississippi:	\$0.7	\$0.7
New Jersey:	\$7.9	\$10.7
New York	\$15.5	\$8.5
Ohio:	\$6.0	\$3.0
Pennsylvania:	\$6.6	\$4.1
Wisconsin:	\$2.7	\$3.4

\* amount of federal taxes residents of the state paid in 2011 that went to war

\*\* other estimates of CA's deficit run as high as \$25.4 billion

#### Sources:

Spending on the war: *National Priorities Project*

<<http://costofwar.com>>

Deficits: *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

<<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=711>>

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