

PHOTO: Unemployed workers, Calif., Michael Rafael, FEMA



Millions of Americans are unemployed, and millions more are being hurt by budget cuts that continue to dig deeper and deeper. Meanwhile, CEOs of super-rich defense contractors — contractors whose stocks have doubled in a decade — continue to pad their pockets with public money by producing military hardware and weapons systems that the Pentagon doesn't even want. We demand a change in our federal spending priorities — *move the money!*

It's up to us.

Through public education, congressional pressure, and pragmatic proposals to transform our economy to the production of

peace-time-products (while protecting and providing quality, union jobs), we'll succeed in funding our communities through the money we pull from the bloated, wasteful Pentagon budget.

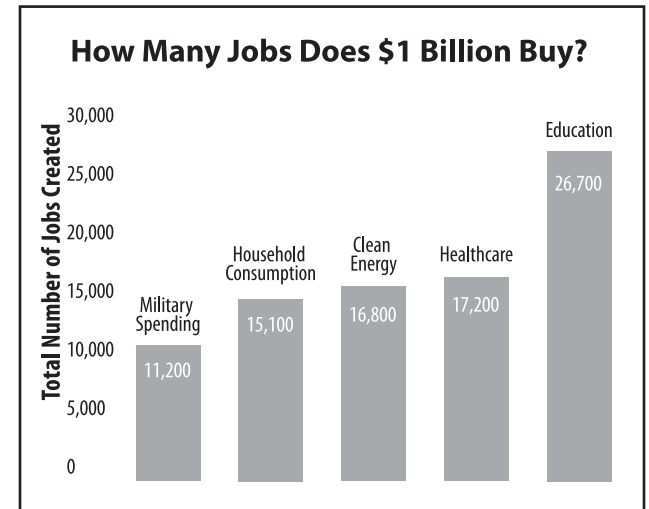
## WE WANT JOBS

Pentagon spending is a very poor job creator. For every \$1 billion spent on the Pentagon, 11,200 jobs are created. Spending that same amount of public money in education creates 26,700 jobs. Even handing that money out in tax breaks produces thousands of more jobs than when we waste it on the Pentagon! If we can more than double our job production by spending on other priorities (like

our children, clean energy, and healthcare), handing that money to the Pentagon means we are destroying hard-to-come-by jobs and opportunities. We need to move that money.

## PRESSURE CONGRESS

Military contractors employ almost 1,000 lobbyists — nearly two for each member of Congress. Over two-thirds of these lobbyists moved from jobs in Congress, the Pentagon, or the uniformed military to work for the same Pentagon contractors that they were in charge of regulating while they were in government. We need to be there to tell Congress to do the right thing — stop allowing these lobbyists to play politics with our national security and our public money. We



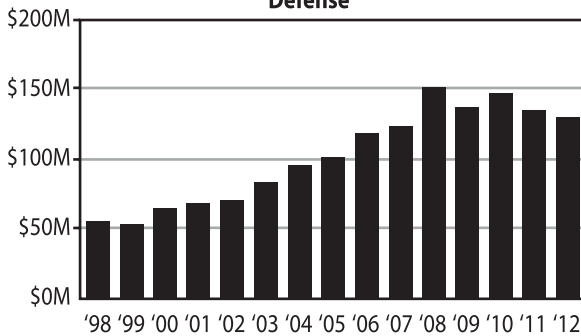
SOURCE: Pollin & Garrett-Peltier, Political Economy Research Institute, Dec 2011

will do this through direct lobby visits, by utilizing various forms of media, and by mobilizing our grassroots communities to make the demand — move the money!

## EDUCATION & ACTIVISM

We need to educate, seek allies, and keep this ball rolling. Reductions to Pentagon spending have been put on the table, and some have occurred. Still, Pentagon spending remains at a level comparable to the height of the Vietnam and Cold wars. Further, our vital services that working families have earned and deserve continue to be slashed, and those that are most in need continue to bear the brunt of our nation's economic burdens. Now is the time to mobilize our communities and spread the word — *let's move this money!*

Annual Lobbying on Defense



SOURCE: Center for Responsive Politics, 2013



## GET INVOLVED!

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