

telegram.com

To print this article open the file menu and choose Print.

[Click here to return to previous page](#)

Article published Feb 2, 2012

US spends absurd amount on military

According to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, the Pentagon is proposing a budget cut of \$500 billion. At the same time, it is asking Congress to waive the law, part of a debt reduction plan, which would require a cut of \$1 trillion.

Neither proposal addresses the absurdity of the annual military budget of the United States, which surpasses all other military budgets in the world combined.

Federal agencies and state and local governments will endure dramatic reductions over the next decade.

Sens. John Kerry and Scott Brown and U.S. Rep. James McGovern must address unemployment and this country's economic crisis, and stop appropriating billions for costly misadventures in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

MICHAEL D. TRUE

Worcester

Order the Telegram & Gazette, delivered daily to your home or office! www.telegram.com/homedelivery

Copyright 2012 Worcester Telegram & Gazette Corp.