

# Cut the Pentagon Week of Action

**February 18–24**

Right now, your Members of Congress are under pressure from military contractors and even the White House to abandon Congress's plan to cut the Pentagon Budget. At a time when vital human needs programs like education and assistance for needy families are on the chopping block, we can't afford to maintain cold war weapons systems and bases in Europe.

**Make sure your Senators  
come home to the right message:**

**Keep the Pentagon Cuts!**



## **What Can I do?**

- Request a meeting with your Senator's local office for the week of Feb 20–24; the earlier you ask the better. Then, gather community leaders and friends to go with you!
- Start a sign-on letter to your Senator from religious leaders, nonprofits, business people—we need everyone!
- Gather friends to write letters to your Member of Congress.
- Send a letter to the editor
- Spread the word!

Visit [fncnl.org/resources/week\\_of\\_action](http://fncnl.org/resources/week_of_action)

for a tool kit of grassroots lobbying tips, fact sheets, and sample letters.



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## Take action every day this week to encourage your senators to support cutting \$1 trillion from the Pentagon budget over the next 10 years.

Here's what you can do each day. See our website at [fcnl.org/resources/week\\_of\\_action](http://fcnl.org/resources/week_of_action) for sample letters, contact information for your senators, and more!

**Monday, February 20:** Write your senators, then ask your friends to write too.

**Tuesday, February 21:** Write a letter to the editor.

**Wednesday, February 22:** Call your senators' offices.

**Thursday, February 23:** Go visit one or both of your senators' district offices and drop off a copy of the Sustainable Defense Task Force report that outlines what cuts could be made.

**Friday, February 24:** Report back to FCNL about what you've done, and we'll report back to you of what others have done.

**BACKGROUND:** Legislation already on the books, the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011, requires a total cut of about \$100 billion to the Pentagon budget and an equal cut to all other programs combined by January 2013. Over the next ten years, the BCA would result in \$1 trillion decrease in projected Pentagon spending—returning the Pentagon budget to about 2007 levels. Not only is preserving the Pentagon's portion of reductions the first step toward more peaceful foreign policy, it is also crucial to prevent deeper cuts to vital human needs programs.