

August 1, 2020

Senator Shelton Whitehouse

Senator Jack Reed

Congressman David Cicilline

Gentlemen,

So all three of you voted not to support a 10% cut in the military budget, a budget making up more than ½ the Federal discretionary budget for year upon year upon year.

You voted not to spend 74 billion dollars for domestic programs that have been underfunded for at least 15 years. When 43+ million Americans don't have medical coverage, our educational system is hurting and riots are the metric showing government is misspending.

Why?

What were your reasons for over funding the military other than large campaign contributions from Electric Boat General Dynamics?

Is it all about possible Quonset Point job cuts? Or behind the scene agreements?

As an organization, East Bay Citizens for Peace have tacitly supported you all for a number of years while hoping Congress would finally get it right and lower military spending to say 30-40% instead of more than 50% of the Federal discretionary budget. It hasn't happened and apparently you don't support this policy that millions do.

A gleaming 12 billion- dollar aircraft carrier can be sunk with one missile. There is no way we could win a war in the South China Sea. Guam would last for 15 minutes! Did you know that? And the Middle East is a ground where we never should have spent over one trillion dollars.

Some of us in our 200+ member group are wondering why we get daily e-mail requests for support from you when you don't support our major policy: less military spending. One of our core executive committee members, a USNA graduate and submariner, has decided not to vote for any of you.

So again, we ask WHY?

WHY? When caring enough to do the right thing will have no significant negative impact on your probability of winning election next time. No one can touch you.

We request Zoom meetings with each of you for ½ hour at your convenience.

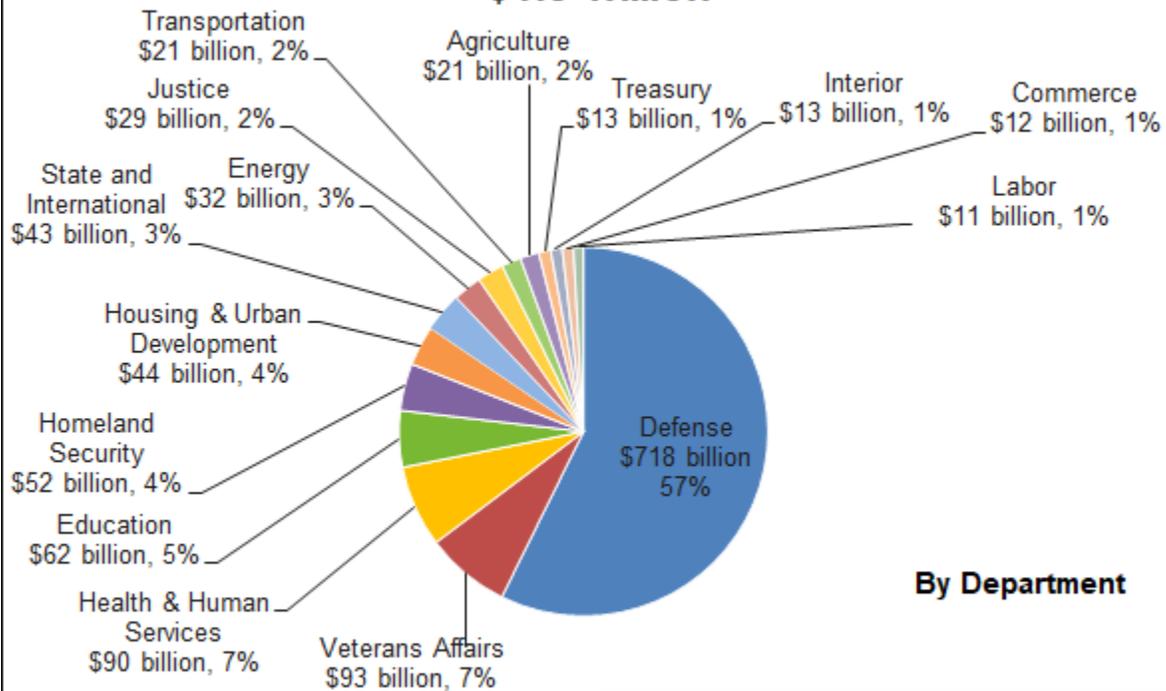
Thank you for your hard work in Congress.

Sincerely,

EBCP Core Committee

Enclosed: 2021 Federal Budget

Trump FY 2020 Discretionary Budget Request, \$1.3 Trillion



By Department



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