

ENACT THE COMMON SENSE BUDGET ACT, H.R. 4898

PETITION to the [your city or town] City Council to Pass a Resolution Urging Adoption by Congress of the Common Sense Budget Act.

We, the undersigned, request that the [your city] City Council pass a resolution calling on Congress to:

Enact HR 4898, known as the “Common Sense Budget Act,” for the following reasons:

- The Department of Defense budget for 2006 is more than \$463 billion, half the Federal Discretionary Budget *not* including funds appropriated for the war and occupation of Iraq.
- Military advisors, including the Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Reagan, have identified \$60 billion spent each year on obsolete Cold War era weapons systems that neither enhance national security, protect our troops, nor help fight terrorists.
- The Common Sense Budget Act would shift \$60 billion dollars per year away from those obsolete weapons systems and at no additional cost to the taxpayer, invest those funds in human and social needs programs to do the following:
 1. Provide health care coverage for all 9 million uninsured American children, including _____ in [your state].
 2. Rebuild or modernize over a twelve-year period, every K-12 public school in America, including ____ in [your state].
 3. Provide sustainable development and humanitarian assistance to countries around the world sufficient to prevent the starvation of 6 million children every year.
 4. Invest in energy efficiency technologies and alternative energy sources so that over ten years, the U.S. consumption of oil would drop by half and hundreds of thousands of new jobs would be created.
 5. Provide job training benefits every year for 250,000 unemployed workers, including _____ in [your state]
 6. Strengthen America’s national defense by an increase in funding for homeland security and our first responders by \$5 billion per year.
 7. Restore \$2 billion per year in cuts made to basic medical research.
 8. Reduce the Federal deficit by \$5 billion per year.
- The Common Sense Budget Act would build strong communities at home and abroad without additional taxes or deficit spending. The monies available annually for domestic human needs programs would be allocated to the states based on their population with the proportional yearly share to [your state] of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

E-Mail (optional): _____