WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF WAR ON THE PEOPLE?

- Over the 20 years since 9/11, the U.S. has spent $21 trillion on foreign and domestic militarization.
- Of that total, $16 trillion went to the military — including at least $7.2 trillion for private corporate contractors.
- U.S. 2022 spending on the military and nuclear weapons is $768.2 billion, or over $2 billion a day.
- In 2021, the Pentagon gave police $94 million in “excess” military gear, such as tanks, bayonets, and grenade launchers, to further militarize police departments targeting Black, brown, Indigenous, and working-class communities.

WHAT COULD WE DO WITH THAT MONEY INSTEAD?

- Less than 3% of the 2022 Pentagon budget could end homelessness in the U.S.
- The U.S. could cancel all student debt ($1.7 trillion) for the total cost of its failed F-35 fighter jet program
- $25 billion could provide COVID vaccines for low-income countries
- Less than 30% of the Pentagon budget could guarantee free preschool for every 3- and 4-year-old in the U.S.
WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF WAR ON THE PLANET?

- The Pentagon itself is the world’s largest institutional consumer of oil and emits more greenhouse gases than most countries do in a single year.
- In 2022, the U.S. government will spend 2x PER DAY on the military what it spends in an entire YEAR on climate aid.
- The U.S. operates about 800 military bases worldwide on 27 million acres of land, often creating inhospitable, polluted sacrifice zones in the surrounding areas.
- U.S. military pollution since 2001 amounts to the annual equivalent of emissions from 257 million passenger cars, twice the amount of cars currently on the road in the U.S.

WHAT COULD WE DO WITH THAT MONEY INSTEAD?

- $4.5 trillion—just 21% of total U.S. spending on the War on Terror—could fully decarbonize the U.S. electric grid
- Less than 10% of the 2022 Pentagon budget could provide every U.S. household with solar electricity for a year
- The Pentagon is the world’s largest employer with over 3 million people on payroll. For just 1% of the 2022 Pentagon budget, the U.S. could create more than 40,000 green jobs

IT’S TIME WE CUT THE PENTAGON FOR THE PEOPLE, PLANET, PEACE & A FUTURE!