



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 1992

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR WOLF
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR

WHEREAS: In November of 1990 the voters of three Massachusetts legislative districts voted strongly in the affirmative on a referendum question urging the Congress of the United States to redirect military spending to the domestic sector; and

WHEREAS: The recent end to the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact have greatly reduced the need for military spending; and

WHEREAS: Companies and communities which formerly contributed to the growth of this nation's military preparedness are now facing the unfamiliar challenge of converting their activities to production for the domestic market; and

WHEREAS: State and local government responsibility for providing human services and paying for the nations's infrastructure has increased over the past decade, as have federal mandates to do so; and

WHEREAS: Federal aid to states and communities has dropped from 29.4% to 16% over the past decade; and

WHEREAS: This lack of federal involvement in and concern for the country's pressing domestic agenda results in deep cuts in human services which increases homelessness, hunger, and health risks for our citizens; results in severe cuts in local aid, public education, day care and higher education; results in deep cuts in public health and hazardous waste cleanup, endangering the health of our citizens, results in deep cuts that debilitates safety, corrections and youth services; and further results in cuts in infrastructure maintenance and repair, increasing transportation problems and endangering public safety; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Congress and the President of the United States be urged to:

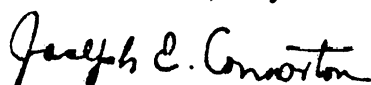
- 1) Reduce military expenditures by ten percent each year for the next five years, so as to decrease the total military budget of the United States by at least fifty percent from the base of expenditures during the 1991-1992 fiscal year;
- 2) Eliminate current legislative restrictions that prevent transfer of funds from military accounts to domestic uses within the overall federal budget;
- 3) Reallocate funds from military accounts to non-military uses, such as the reduction of the Federal deficit and increased revenue-sharing with state and local governments to support revitalized programs in health, housing, law enforcement, education, environmental protection, the rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure, and other domestic needs;
- 4) Provide up to \$50 billion in loans and grants during the five year period for use by companies and communities in carrying out market analyses, employee retraining, facilities conversion, and related activities that will assist them to convert to peacetime production with a minimum of dislocation for companies, employees and communities; and,
- 5) Increase United States support for an expanded United Nations peacekeeping role, so that other countries will be required to take an appropriate share of the responsibility for world security; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to all members of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress as well as copies for information purposes to Cambridge's state legislative delegation and to members of the Cambridge School Committee.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

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Jooney
Walsh
M. Reeves
Non-Consent Order # 15
Russell
Myers
Cipriani
Duchay
Councillor Duchay re: redirect military
spending to the domestic sector.
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In City Council,

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Order adopted