

Stop Paying for War!



These peace heroes are on your side.

Every year, more and more of our tax dollars go straight to the military-industrial complex to bring death and devastation to other nations and profits to arms makers. Have you had enough? Then you're in good company.

Pope Francis has spoken out many times against war and the arms industry, stating, "It's the industry of death This is why some people don't want peace: They make more money from war...."

Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) has been standing up for justice and peace since his early days with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the nonviolent struggle for equality, justice, and liberty. Since 1972 he has introduced and sponsored national peace tax legislation so people of conscience don't have to pay taxes for weapons and war.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton is a longtime peace advocate and supporter of the Peace Tax Foundation who currently serves on its board. According to Bishop Gumbleton, "Taxes should support the common good of all, not pay for death and destruction."

Kathy Kelly, co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and another peace stalwart, says, "War tax refusal goes hand in hand with efforts to live simply, share resources, and seek service rather than dominance."

We the undersigned support the First Amendment rights of conscience and religious liberty of those morally opposed to war and military spending. They should be free to redirect the large percentage of their income taxes now spent on the military into a separate fund to be used only for non-military purposes.

To learn more, contact the Peace Tax Foundation or [Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore](#). Write your bishop and the USCCB Committees on International Justice and Peace and on Religious Liberty. Tell them to oppose the conscription of our tax dollars for war. It's a matter of conscience!