



**We're paying our taxes...
Why are vital services being cut, and
Why is the president proposing cuts to Social
Security and Medicare?**

Budget cutters in Washington have already slashed Meals on Wheels, Head Start, Housing, Education, Fuel Assistance, Unemployment, Health Programs, AIDS Housing, and family violence prevention. Now the President wants to cut even more vital programs.

But there is an alternative: [The Budget for All!](#) *

1. End Corporate Tax Breaks! Very wealthy people and giant corporations get hundreds of billions of dollars a year in tax breaks through loopholes and offshore tax shelters. The CEOs of Bank of America, Citibank, and Verizon are key members of "Fix the Debt", a corporate group pushing for big cuts in critical public programs and even lower corporate taxes.

2. Redirect Pentagon Spending to Jobs and Vital Programs for People! The US war budget is greater than the military spending of the next 13 largest military powers combined. Much of it funds destructive wars like Iraq, wasteful weapons systems like the F-35, and keeping us in Afghanistan for years to come.

**Join us for a postponed tax day protest Friday, May 17,
3:45 PM at Northampton City Hall, 210 Main Street.**

Hear Council President Bill Dwight, former Mayor Clare Higgins, Councilor Pamela Schwartz, and speakers from UAW local 2322, WMass Jobs with Justice, Amherst NAACP, Arise, PHENOM, Traprock, WMass AFSC, Mass Senior Action, Student Labor Action, Just Communities & MORE...

Proceed to Bank of America to protest its backing of "Fix the Debt" which forged this austerity plan that is making people pay more and more, while receiving less and less.

Then march with us to the Verizon Office, the company that pays no taxes, to present them with a tax bill.

* - Last year Massachusetts voted 3 to 1 in ballot questions across the state to: **Create jobs, Save vital services, Tax rich individuals and corporations, End the war and Cut pork from the Pentagon.** Let's say it again on May 17!

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