

# COMMON SENSE BUDGET ACT

## HOW WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO SPEND OUR FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS?

*Obsolete Cold War weapons systems? or healthcare for children? Isn't it time for us to use some common sense when making these decisions?*

**As an elected official, you know what makes your community stronger, your constituents safer and healthier, your future brighter. And right now, you know that the federal budget could be helping a whole lot more.**

**And that is exactly the idea behind a new bill that would make our federal budget more sensible and more effective. It's called (appropriately enough) the Common Sense Budget Act (CSBA). The CSBA would:**

- Increase federal investment in programs that build strong communities,
- Require no additional taxes,
- Recoup \$60 billion mostly by eliminating obsolete Cold War weapons, and
- Maintain our ability to defend ourselves from terrorism or other threats.



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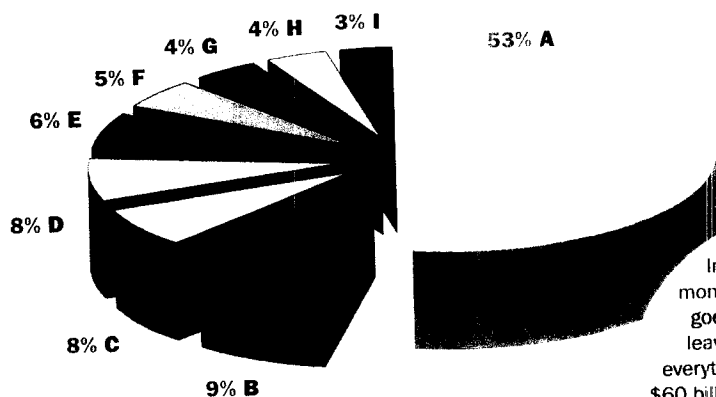
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### DISCRETIONARY U.S. BUDGET FY07: \$869 BILLION



- A. 53% **Pentagon — Department of Defense & nuclear weapons** (\$463 b)
- B. 9% Education, training, employment & social services (\$78 b)
- C. 8% General government and Justice (\$66 b)
- D. 8% Environment, Science, Agriculture and Energy (\$65 b)
- E. 6% Health (\$52 b)
- F. 5% Housing & other income security (\$43 b)
- G. 4% Transportation and Community & regional development (\$36 b)
- H. 4% Veterans' services (\$34 b)
- I. 3% International (\$32 b)

In FY07, 53% of the money Congress allocates goes to the Pentagon — leaving less than half for everything else. Experts figure \$60 billion is wasted on obsolete Cold War weapons. We want to invest that \$60 billion in things that *do* make us safer and stronger.

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## Women Legislators' Lobby

WILL is a national non-partisan network of women state legislators who work together to influence federal policy and budget priorities.

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Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities

Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities was formed by top American businesspeople who believe that the federal government's spending priorities are undermining our national security.

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*Every year, CSBA would make a these funds available to each state for schools, healthcare, and other priorities*

Alabama	\$539,940,242	:	Montana	\$110,470,553
Alaska	\$78,119,540	:	Nebraska	\$208,245,751
Arizona	\$684,592,169	:	Nevada	\$278,275,093
Arkansas	\$328,078,468	:	New Hampshire	\$154,883,920
California	\$4,278,085,633	:	New Jersey	\$1,036,796,057
Colorado	\$548,428,882	:	New Mexico	\$226,847,911
Connecticut	\$417,585,164	:	New York	\$2,291,625,050
Delaware	\$98,968,858	:	North Carolina	\$1,018,005,223
DC	\$65,972,922	:	North Dakota	\$75,608,382
Florida	\$2,073,520,959	:	Ohio	\$1,365,768,787
Georgia	\$1,052,350,479	:	Oklahoma	\$419,962,832
Hawaii	\$150,514,513	:	Oregon	\$428,429,064
Idaho	\$166,059,161	:	Pennsylvania	\$1,478,672,669
Illinois	\$1,515,303,938	:	Rhode Island	\$128,797,630
Indiana	\$743,439,120	:	South Carolina	\$500,356,465
Iowa	\$352,133,091	:	South Dakota	\$91,879,477
Kansas	\$326,037,147	:	Tennessee	\$703,319,834
Kentucky	\$494,141,324	:	Texas	\$2,680,525,402
Louisiana	\$538,222,515	:	Utah	\$284,743,151
Maine	\$156,999,852	:	Vermont	\$74,062,284
Maryland	\$662,450,026	:	Virginia	\$889,116,772
Massachusetts	\$764,766,021	:	Washington	\$739,412,853
Michigan	\$1,205,296,055	:	West Virginia	\$216,367,174
Minnesota	\$607,969,503	:	Wisconsin	\$656,606,033
Mississippi	\$345,996,732	:	Wyoming	\$60,371,833
Missouri	\$685,877,485	:		



*Please join us in supporting the  
Common Sense Budget Act!*

**We can be stronger, safer, and more fiscally responsible  
— just by using common sense!**

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Urge your U.S. Representative to support CSBA.**