

AN
APPEAL
TO



2008 WAR TAX BOYCOTT

A People's Campaign to Defund the War

For over five years peace activists have voted, lobbied, marched, and taken direct action to first prevent and then end the war in Iraq. Courageous soldiers have refused to fight the war. But Congress repeatedly votes to appropriate billions of dollars to continue the war and appears ready to authorize a future military attack on Iran. It's time for taxpayers who oppose this war to join together in nonviolent civil disobedience and show Congress how to cut off the funds for this war and redirect resources to the pressing needs of people.

Register and Prepare for April 2008

The organizers and signers of the 2008 War Tax Boycott urge all who oppose this war to register and prepare for an April 2008 nationwide boycott and redirection of the federal income taxes that fuel the war in Iraq. If you are new to war tax resistance, you can check off that you need more information when you register. We urge those who are already refusing to pay for war (whether by reducing their income or not paying some or all of taxes due) to sign on. The more who sign on, the louder our voices will be in Washington as we demand an end to war and show Congress how to use our money for life affirming programs.

Building the Boycott

The 2008 War Tax Boycott was launched in September 2007 as Congress began its consideration of a Bush Administration request for an additional \$190 billion appropriation for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was begun ahead of tax season, so that those who want to refuse to pay for war can explore the options, decide what

to do, and prepare to resist well before 2007 taxes are due. Please join us in any way you can, and contact us for resources to help spread the word.

Redirection Projects

Refusing to pay taxes because of war is an act of civil disobedience, but it also provides the opportunity to use that money for positive, healing, and rebuilding programs. War tax boycott participants are encouraged to redirect their resisted taxes to a project providing health care among Iraqi refugees in Jordan and Syria, a health care center in New Orleans providing care to survivors of Katrina, or to a humanitarian project of their own choosing.

- Use the accompanying registration form to join the 2008 War Tax Boycott. It can also be downloaded from the website.
- "Getting Started in War Tax Resistance" will help you prepare to refuse to pay for war, to understand the consequences, and to redirect your war taxes in 2008. See the website or call or email if you'd like a copy mailed to you.

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The 2008 War Tax Boycott was initiated by the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee and is being promoted by Voices for Creative Nonviolence, War Resisters League, the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance, Veterans for Peace, CODEPINK "Don't Buy Bush's War," and the Nonviolent Direct Action Working Group of United for Peace and Justice.

“ *If a thousand [people] were not to pay their tax bills this year, that would not be a violent and bloody measure, as it would be to pay them and enable the state to commit violence and shed innocent blood.* ”

HENRY DAVID THOREAU
during the Mexican-
American War, 1846-48