



Broome County Peace Action Broome County Veterans for Peace

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Dear Mr. Arseneault:

The organizations noted below are one in sending you congratulations for taking the needed small steps to assist humanity. Your share of peace making (e.g. electric buses at BAE in Endicott, NY) is a very small percentage of your annual weapons systems and war preparations income. However, it's an important step to obtain real peace. We feel certain that you know that war is not the answer. That may be part of the reason you are beginning to invest in human needs rather than violent answers to peace. We sincerely thank you for these baby steps to international peace and security.

We urge you to invest heavily in research and technology to address the vital issues impacting our communities and the numerous communities devastated by our military invasions. These issues include climate emergencies, clean water, malnutrition and food needs, health care, infrastructure, clean air, affordable living structures, childcare education, communication and multiple other needs aside from your basic industry that is at odds with all of the above.

Today, September 9, 2022, we are outside of just one of your multiple venues devoted to death and destruction. We urge you to accept economic conversion that you have resisted for decades. Please do what you know in your heart and soul is the right thing to do--help save our people and good earth by producing products that improve the lives of our brothers and sisters, our children, grandchildren, our descendants and all animate and inanimate of our good earth now under destruction by industries that thrive on violence.

Pope Francis addressed a joint session of Congress in 2015 and told Senate and House members that "the arms industry is drenched in blood". It's beyond time for the arms industry to clean up their mess. BAE and others in the weapons business become richer as the world suffers. Economic conversion to life giving products and services would break the negativity of wealth generated by planning to kill.

Sincerely,

Veterans for Peace USA
Code Pink
Pax Christi
World Beyond War
And many more signing in daily