



CITY OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
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NEW HAVEN PEACE COMMISSION

March 29, 2020

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The City of New Haven Peace Commission would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders a request for inclusion of a non-binding referendum question on the November 3, 2020 election ballot in the City of New Haven.

The requested wording (within the 25-word limit) is:

"Shall Congress prepare for health and climate crises by transferring funds from military budget to cities for human needs, jobs and an environmentally sustainable economy?"

The non-binding referendum question offers an opportunity for the voters of New Haven to voice their opinion on national spending priorities as they impact our city, and thus inform our Congressional Delegation.

We take note that the President's proposed 2021 federal budget significantly increases military spending while sharply cutting funds for SNAP, Medicaid, housing and other essential human needs that are vital for the City of New Haven.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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