

Join Us in Greeting Tammy Baldwin as She Welcomes More Merchants of Death to Wisconsin

Senator Tammy Baldwin is finally “coming out.” If it wasn’t already painfully clear that war and militarism were her first loves, she is making it formal. This Tuesday morning, she will be the keynote speaker at a defense plant in Beloit to welcome the formation of a new collaboration of weapons manufacturers, banks and business groups.

The Wisconsin Defense Industry Council (WDIC) was recently created by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce and various “defense” industry manufacturers.

The Milwaukee Anti-War Committee has announced an action in Beloit for **8:30 AM on Tuesday** to call out Senator Baldwin for her complicity in the genocidal siege of Gaza and her enthusiastic support of a soaring military budget. Peace activists from southern Wisconsin are encouraged to carpool to Beloit and gather in front of the

Fairbanks Morse Defense building

701 White Avenue, Beloit

It’s hard to imagine a more inappropriate and despicable time to be plotting to build more weapons in Wisconsin than now, amidst the brutal slaughter of thousands of innocent people in Gaza, the war in Ukraine, and when our country has so many urgent social needs that are being neglected.

Baldwin (and all but two Dems in the US Senate) just approved a **\$95 billion** funding package that includes **\$14 billion for more weapons for Israel**. As Bill Hartung, a national security and foreign policy expert pointed out on *Democracy Now* several days ago, the Senate would never pass an emergency bill to battle our record homelessness, to stop hunger or to combat the climate crisis. We have the worse life expectancy rate of any industrialized nation, and yet we account for 40% of world military spending, **more than the next 15 countries combined!**

To give Israel more money to continue the Gaza slaughter **is obscene**, Hartung said, adding I think the senators “who voted for it should be ashamed of themselves.”

If Baldwin had any sense of decency, she *would* feel shame. But her record shows she has always supported Israel’s brutal apartheid occupation of Palestine. Wisconsin residents also know she has never met a weapons program she didn’t love, including the boondoggle F-35 fighter jet and disgraced Littoral Combat Ship projects.

You can contact Tom Boswell with the Safe Skies Clean Water Coalition if you would like more information or to arrange car-pooling to Beloit. 608/718-7312; tomboswell2002@yahoo.com (People in Madison will probably need to leave by 7:30 AM on Tuesday.) Please make signs to bring if you plan to attend.