

June 21, 2024

Board of Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center
1 John Nolen Drive
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Members of the Monona Terrace Board:

It has come to our attention that you have invited the National Space and Missile Materials Symposium to take place in Madison from June 24-27. As you no doubt are aware, the attendees of this convention will be the world's largest weapons manufacturers and military technical providers, including Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, among others. This convention does not belong in Madison and we demand that this symposium be cancelled without delay.

As you may or may not know, Madison, through its elected officials, has voted for a cease fire in Gaza. The City Council did so in December 2023 and the Dane County Board of Supervisors did so in February 2024. The people of Madison, through their elected officials, have made very clear that the genocide of Palestinians that is taking place in Gaza and the West Bank must stop. To invite the manufacturers and developers of weapons being used in this genocide is unacceptable.

Inviting those entities which produce and profit from the weapons that are being used to exterminate an entire population is unacceptable to Madison and its citizens. It is an abomination.

Please call off the convention and do the right thing by Madison.

Sincerely,

Madison Area Democratic Socialists of America (MADSA)
And its affiliated Madison Anti-War organizations

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