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**WHY DIVEST CHICAGO FROM THE WAR MACHINE?**

Every single one of Chicago’s pension funds are invested in weapons manufacturers:

- The Chicago Teachers’ Pension Fund has at least $260 million
- The Firefighters’ Pension Fund has between $13 and $15 million invested
- The Laborers’ Retirement Board Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund has about $10 million invested
- The MEABF and the Chicago Policemen’s Annuity and Benefit Fund use asset managers that invest significant amounts of money in the top 100 weapons manufacturers

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Why are millions invested in weapons manufacturers, and not in building a more equitable, thriving Chicago?
What Companies Is The City Invested In?

Chicago is heavily invested in the top five weapons manufacturers in the world: Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and General Dynamics. Today, these companies provide the bombs, drones, tanks, and warplanes that arm brutal wars and humanitarian crises in:

- Yemen, which the UN calls the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, where U.S. made-weapons have bombed weddings, funerals, and schools buses;
- The Philippines, where Boeing & Lockheed Martin are among the “principal contractors” of the $1.9 billion in weapons supplied to the country that enable extrajudicial killings;
- Palestine, where massive arms sales from companies like Boeing enable deadly bombing campaigns on Gaza;
- ...and more.

Divestment + Climate Change

Earlier this year, the city of Chicago divested its financial portfolio from fossil fuels. Which is good, but...

Militarism is one of the leading causes of carbon emissions and environmental destruction in the world - the U.S. military itself is the largest institutional consumer of fossil fuels in the world.

Why is the city of Chicago investing public funds in the companies that produce and profit off of carbon-emitting war planes, tanks, and other environmentally destructive weapons?

Sign The Petition: Let’s divest Chicago from war and reinvest in our communities!