**NO WAR WITH RUSSIA OVER UKRAINE!**

**Diplomacy not War!**

Greetings! We hope you show up for this national and international Day of Action to say No to U.S. Escalation with Russia.

**Please join us this Saturday February 5th in Olympia, noon -1pm, at the capital campus near the Tivoli fountain on Capital Way.**

This rally coincides with activities around the country, led by Code Pink to resist the normalization of war and demand that not a single bullet or gun be sent to Ukraine, and no troops be sent to Europe.

We are on the brink of a massive war between the US and Russia – two nuclear-armed states.
The time to speak out is NOW!

Let us do what we can to stop the growing escalation and threat of a war on Ukrainian soil and possibly beyond, between Russia and the U.S. The Ukrainian people would pay a horrible price. The dangerous escalation at the Russian/Ukrainian border standoff intensifies.  Biden is also considering sending more warships and aircraft and has already delivered more “lethal aid” to Ukraine.  The $500 million Congress is set to pass through a fast-track vote could and should be used, instead, on communities, climate and our many needs at home. The Pentagon has said that there is the possibility of sending as many as 50,000 troops!

We do not support the Russian massing of troop on the Ukrainian border nor their annexing by Russia of Crimea in 2014. However, not mentioned by the Biden administration nor most of the U.S. media, is the failure of the U.S. government to live up to its promise made in 1990 by then-Secretary of State James Baker to Russian leader, Gorbachev, that NATO would expand not “one inch to the East” and that the Ukraine would not become a part of NATO. Since 1999, NATO has expanded to include numerous countries, including some that border Russia. Rather than dismissing out of hand the Russian government’s current insistence on a written guarantee that Ukraine will not become part of NATO, the U.S. government should agree to a long-term moratorium on any NATO expansion. Russia and its President Putin have offered to deescalate the situation if Ukraine remains a neutral country and does not become part of the U.S. led and dominated military alliance, NATO.

We live in the United States, so our main responsibility is challenging the U.S. military buildup. Moreover, by organizing in the U.S. against U.S. military escalation and threats to go to war with Russia, and instead organizing in favor of diplomatic solutions, we are encouraging groups in the Ukraine and Russia who support peace and who are against the growing militarization of the situation. It will increase their credibility and influence. The U.S. military escalation and sending of troops to Poland and Romania lead to justification in Russia for their military escalation.

The only solutions are diplomatic ones. Let us end the forever wars of the United States, the U.S military buildup, and the continued growth of military spending. Let us stop the danger of a major war between two nuclear powers.

Join this rally to demand: DIPLOMACY, NOT WAR;

WAR IS NOT GREEN; NO US/NATO AGGRESSION.

NO MORE WARS FOR CORPORATE PROFIT; $$ FOR HUMAN NEEDS, NOT WAR!
Bring a sign and a friend if you can!

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This is a peaceful event.  Masks & distancing, please.

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