

for cuts making children, seniors, low-income families, and communities all across the country to shoulder the burden of deficit reduction. Now it is the Pentagon's turn to experience some budget cuts that do nothing to reduce military readiness, mission strength, or our troops' ability to defend our Nation.

Unless cuts are made, the Pentagon is on track to spend more than \$4 billion over the next decade on military music. It is unconscionable to borrow billions from China to fund

deficit spending on the Defense Department's massive musical budget.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the McCollum Amendment to cut military musical spending by \$188 million and apply those funds to deficit reduction.

AMENDMENT REGARDING FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
H.R. 5856 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, tonight I offer an amendment to H.R. 5856 that would reduce spending on "Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide" account by \$88,952,000 and increase spending on the "Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites" account by an equal amount.