

Statement on US-Iran Conflict

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We condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the unprovoked and unconstitutional strikes on three separate locations in Iran by the United States Military as directed by President Donald Trump that occurred on June 21, 2025. These strikes were not authorized by the US Congress, do not represent the will of the American people, and are blatantly illegal in the absence of a credible and urgent threat to the United States. We do not consent to the entry of our country into yet another forever war in the Middle East that will destroy the lives of countless workers at home and abroad.

As academic workers, we are committed to the ideals of peace, international collaboration, and the pursuit of knowledge for the betterment of all humanity. Over the last five months, the Trump administration has consistently sought to undermine labor, demolish international academic collaboration, and siphon billions of dollars away from economy-building jobs in education, art, and science to instead fund bombs being used to kill children and families around the world.

Instead of funding research and innovation that will grow the American economy, Trump intends to cut more than \$42 billion from agencies like the NIH, NSF, CDC, NEA, CPB and NASA. Instead of investing in students and families, Trump intends to cut \$4.5 billion from K-12 school programs and \$12 billion from the Department of Education as a whole. Instead of putting working people first, Trump intends to strip healthcare from 11 million working class Americans and cut \$15.2 billion in funding for working class jobs in the energy, transportation, and climate sectors. Instead, Trump wants to put that money toward more killing in the Middle East and a ludicrous 13% budget increase to over \$1 trillion for the Department of Defense.

We call for Peace and Solidarity with all people. The Trump Administration's aggression does not represent the will of the American people and runs counter to all that we, the delegates to the UAW's inaugural Higher Education Council, hold dear.