



## Office of Congressman Barney Frank

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### **Barney Frank Announces Town Hall Meetings to Discuss the Need to Cut Military Spending**

WASHINGTON – Congressman Barney Frank today announced that he will hold three town hall meetings in Massachusetts during the next two weeks as part of his intensifying initiative to cut excessive military spending.

For several years, Frank has argued that military spending, which makes up more than 50% of total discretionary spending, must be cut substantially in order to address domestic priorities such as job creation, infrastructure investment and local government services. He believes that the current debate over the national debt must include discussion of how to scale back America's worldwide military commitments and to significantly lower military expenditures.

Frank plans to make this case forcefully to the public, to his colleagues and to the Congressional "super committee" during the weeks leading up to the release of the committee's recommendations.

The three upcoming events will be the first town halls Frank has held since the raucous meeting during the health care debate in August 2009, which was covered extensively by the national media. Frank meets with individual constituents and Massachusetts organizations every week; the three planned meetings will be in a traditional town meeting style.

See dates and times below. Information about Frank's previous work on this issue is attached.

*Broadcast media should RSVP before the day of the events for planning purposes.*

#### **New Bedford**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00 PM

New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park  
Corson Building  
33 William Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New Bedford, MA

**Wellesley**

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Mass Bay Community College

Main Auditorium

50 Oakland Street

Wellesley Hills, MA

**Taunton**

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 – 4:00 PM

First Parish Church

68 Church Green

Taunton, MA