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## **[Richardson Has Sensible Priorities](#)**

Bill Richardson has introduced a plan to cut wasteful spending in the Pentagon and use that money on education and health care.

From the [Des Moines Register](#)...

Richardson said Wednesday in an interview with The Des Moines Register that he wants to reduce the Pentagon's budget and modernize the military by eliminating what he describes as Cold War weapons systems designed to fight a long-extinct Soviet empire. Some of the savings would be used to bolster the military, but most of the money would be redirected to domestic programs, such as health care and education, he said.

Richardson's plan is similar to what Iowans for Sensible Priorities has been campaigning for.

Richardson's plan for reductions in military spending was praised by Peggy Huppert, executive director of Iowans for Sensible Priorities, an activist group that favors cutting the Pentagon budget while spending more on programs such as education, health care and infrastructure.

"We think it's wonderful," Huppert said of Richardson's plan. "It's the most comprehensive and definitive statement from a campaign so far."

We will see if Richardson's plan is enough to garner an endorsement from the group in the future.

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