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2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

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According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules: With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

MTA staff will develop and provide locals with clear, enforceable contract language to enable the prevention or termination of partnerships and relationships between the educational institution and any companies or organizations that recruit for or profit from war. Additionally, MTA staff will research current relationships and provide members with an annual report.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

Public schools, colleges and universities in Massachusetts have a responsibility to align our educational missions with values that prioritize human dignity, social justice, and the public good. Forming internship pipelines with companies that profit from and support war undermines these principles, putting pressure on students to step into roles that contribute both directly or indirectly to global violence, conflict, and human suffering. Secondary and higher education should prepare students to build a better world, not funnel them into industries that perpetuate significant and long-lasting harm. On February 28, 2026, a U.S. Tomahawk missile killed 174 people at a school in Minab, Iran. According to Amnesty International, this included 110 girls between the ages of 7-12, parents, and teachers. The Tomahawk missile that killed them was developed and manufactured by RTX (formerly Raytheon), an American company with offices in Massachusetts that regularly recruits students from Massachusetts public schools to work for them through career fairs, internships, and research partnerships. In early December 2023, at the start of the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, upwards of 700 Palestinians were killed over a 24 hour period in simultaneous bombings of Jabalia refugee camp and Gaza City. This high death toll was achieved with the employment of 2000 pound "bunker-buster" bombs. Our country sent Israel 14,000 of these bombs, each of which can destroy an entire city block. These bombs are manufactured by Boeing, another U.S. company with a presence in Massachusetts and recruiting in our

schools. Israel has also dropped bunker buster bombs on Beirut, Lebanon, a bustling, densely populated city. These bombs were delivered on U.S.-manufactured fighter jets, the F-16 and the F-35. Lockheed Martin is the primary manufacturer for both aircraft. Since March of 2026, Lockheed Martin has enabled the delivery of the bombs used to kill more than 1,400 to 1,500 Lebanese, including hundreds of children. Lockheed Martin has a significant manufacturing presence in Massachusetts with similar ties to our schools. The purpose of the NBI is to ensure that MTA members have access to clear and concise contract language that explicitly prevents or terminates institutional relationships (for example, student internship partnerships or career fairs) with companies such as General Dynamics, RTX, Elbit, Boeing, the U.S. armed forces, and others engaged in war-related activities. By doing so, we take a powerful stand for our commitment to ethical integrity in education and protect students from being compelled into opportunities that conflict with these values.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

Not sure

DUES IMPACT **(For MTA use only):**

\$0

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**

\$0, 200 hours