

Wal-Mart and Cost to Taxpayers

Your tax dollars pay for Wal-Mart's greed

- The staff of the House Committee on Education and Workforce estimates that because of their low wages, Wal-Mart costs federal taxpayers up to \$2.5 billion a year in the form of federal public assistance programs.¹
- Wal-Mart's failure to provide affordable health care for all of its employees has resulted in a cost to taxpayers of \$210 million and counting.

Your local Wal-Mart costs your community up to \$420,000 per year

- These costs come from many public assistance programs, such as \$108,000/yr for children's health care costs, and \$42,000/yr for low-income housing assistance – per store!¹

Your tax dollars subsidize Wal-Mart's growth

- The first ever national report on Wal-Mart subsidies documented at least \$1 billion in subsidies from state and local governments.²
- A Wal-Mart official once stated that "it is common" for the company to request subsidies "in about 1/3 of all [retail] projects." This would suggest that over a thousand Wal-Mart stores have received taxpayer-funded subsidies.²



What YOU can do:

1. Sign up

Join America's Campaign to Change Wal-Mart today:
www.wakeupwalmart.com

2. Adopt your local Wal-Mart

Become a local volunteer and help build community coalitions around every Wal-Mart store in America.

3. Spread the word

Talk to your friends and family, and ask them to join the campaign to change Wal-Mart:
www.wakeupwalmart.com

1. "Everyday Low Wages: The Hidden Price We All Pay for Wal-Mart," A Report by the Democratic Staff of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 2/16/04

2. "Shopping For Subsidies: How Wal-Mart Uses Taxpayer Money to Finance Its Never-Ending Growth," Good Job First, May 2004