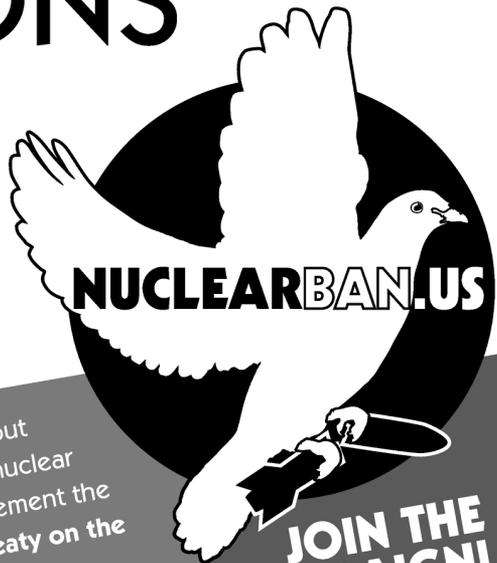


# HOW TOWNS AND CITIES CAN HELP GET RID OF ALL\* NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Not "some,"  
not "theirs," but  
every single one



You and your municipality can put pressure on the US and other nuclear nations to sign, ratify and implement the Nobel Peace Prize-winning **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**.

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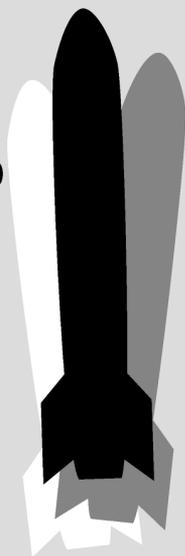
# NUCLEAR

Nuclear weapons are the most destructive, inhumane and indiscriminate weapons ever created. There has not been a nuclear war – yet. None of the world’s 15,000 nuclear weapons have been detonated by accident – yet. But even a single detonation on purpose or by accident would be a humanitarian catastrophe of unparalleled proportions. A “limited” exchange of nuclear weapons, for example between India and Pakistan, could put enough soot into the atmosphere to cause climate disruption and global famine.

**A full scale nuclear war between the US and Russia would be the end of human civilization as we know it, if not the end of all life on earth.**

## NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUICK FACTS

- The modernization of the US nuclear arsenal is expected to cost taxpayers **\$1.7 trillion** in inflation-adjusted dollars over the next 30 years, in addition to the \$30-40 billion per year already being spent
- Most nuclear warheads today are many times larger than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- There are **15,000** nuclear warheads in the world today



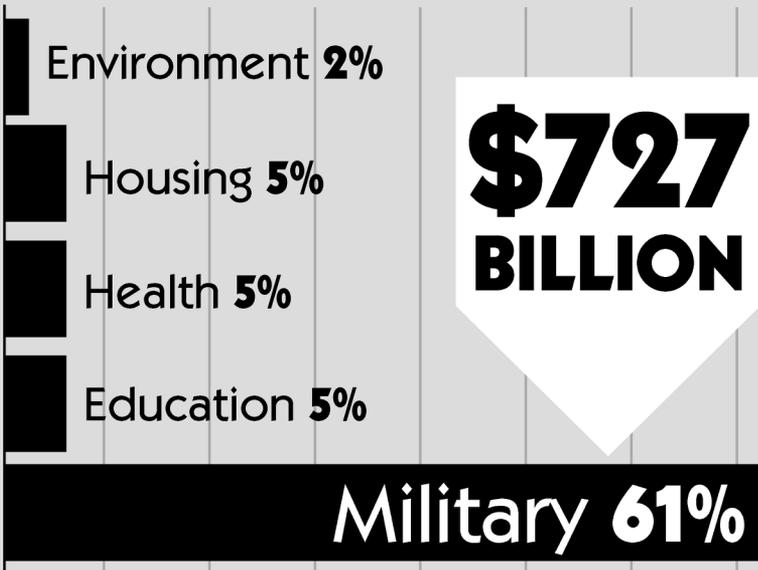
# WEAPONS

Many of these weapons are kept on hair-trigger alert. Sooner or later, they will be used. There have been many close calls already. We are at more risk now than we have ever been. The money and effort that goes into nuclear weapons is a waste of precious human and financial resources needed to solve our most pressing problems. It's important to limit access to the nuclear "button," end hair-trigger alert, renounce the first use of nuclear weapons, and take other legislative steps towards reducing the risk of nuclear war by accident or by design. **But the only way to reduce this risk to zero is to eliminate the weapons - all of them.**

Fortunately, we now have a tool to make that happen.

## 2019 FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

President's Request to Congress 2/12/18



*The remaining 22% includes Veterans, Transportation, etc.*

SOURCE: National Priorities Project

# THE TREATY

There is now an international Treaty making nuclear weapons *illegal*. It's known as the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** (or 'Nuclear Ban Treaty'). Article 1, Section 1 makes it illegal to "develop, test, produce, manufacture...use or threaten to use nuclear weapons." The Treaty was negotiated at the United Nations and has the support of over 120 countries, the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, the Pope, the Dalai Lama, and millions of ordinary people across the globe.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the 2017 **Nobel Peace Prize** for their part in making this Treaty possible. This campaign was inspired by the successful international campaigns which led to the prohibition, under international law, of biological, chemical and other inhumane and indiscriminate weapons.



# THE PROBLEM

The US government is currently unwilling to sign the Treaty, and in fact, boycotted the negotiations. They are trying to prevent NATO, other allies, and other countries from signing it – even those countries whose people strongly favor it. And the other 8 nuclear nations won't sign it either: Russia, UK, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, N. Korea.

# THE SOLUTION

The US and the other nuclear nations will sign this Treaty once there is sufficient pressure on them to do so. As citizens, we can call on our legislators to take immediate steps to pull us **back from the brink** of nuclear war.



Ultimately, we are up against **the 26 companies** that profit from making nuclear weapons. These companies have significant control over the re-election budgets of many legislators. That's why the federal government has utterly failed to put an end to these weapons.

But these companies exist to make money, not just to make nuclear weapons. Boycotts, divestment campaigns, and bad publicity can persuade them to focus on other products. Towns and cities can become part of the international movement to hold these companies accountable.

**Towns and cities can help these companies to start making the inevitable shift toward legal, globally acceptable activities that address climate change and other social needs.**

Once these 26 companies get the message, they will be the ones to pressure the US government. They will demand a shift in federal funding away from nuclear weapons. In the meantime, this campaign will encourage other countries to take the Treaty more seriously, and that will build momentum toward global abolition.



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# HOW YOUR TOWN OR CITY CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

In response to the federal government announcing their intention to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accords, towns and cities across the country are defiantly committing themselves to complying with the Accords anyway.

And in response to the federal government's boycott of the Nuclear Ban Treaty, towns and cities can also comply – as far as they are able to – with *this* Treaty. We are calling this “Treaty Alignment,” and it sends a powerful message to the government, to corporations, and to the public: Nuclear weapons are inhumane, and they are now illegal under international law.

Many towns and cities have **investments** that support the 26 companies that make nuclear weapons. Many have **contracts for products or services** made by these companies. And some have these companies **researching, developing, building or transporting** nuclear weapons through their jurisdiction.

Boycotting, divesting and prohibiting these activities can affect those companies directly, and can also be a strong encouragement to other cities – and states – to do the same.



**HERE ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE:**

# 1. DECIDE

Some **Nuclear Free Zones** already have local ordinances that prohibit all nuclear weapons-related activities and are thus in alignment with the Treaty. Some have signed the **Mayors for Peace** covenant, which commits them to the elimination of all nuclear weapons. For others, the first step is to make the political commitment to be in support of the Treaty. This could be in the form of a non-binding resolution or a proclamation from the mayor.

# 2. DISCONNECT

If your town or city does not already have one, it may want to then set up a committee to look into investments, contracts and other alignment issues, hold public meetings or otherwise engage the public before passing a legally-binding ordinance to be in alignment with the Treaty.

A “Treaty Aligned” town or city:

- *Has no public investments in any of the 26 companies that make nuclear weapons.*
- *Does not purchase products or services from any of those companies.*
- *Prohibits all other nuclear weapons-related activities, so far as they are able, within their jurisdiction or control.*

# 3. DECLARE

Once your town or city has divested and/or taken other steps to become “Treaty Aligned,” it is important to make that public, and to encourage other towns and cities – and your state – to also do the same.

# MAKING IT OFFICIAL

“Treaty Alignment” is not about passing a non-binding resolution that calls on higher levels of government to do something about an existential threat which we *all* face.

**It is about taking responsibility in our own communities  
for the kind of world we want to live in.**

By deciding to comply as far as possible with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and working through the process of divesting from, and screening out, the companies involved in the nuclear weapons business, towns and cities can:

- *Help put direct pressure on those companies to move into more socially acceptable and useful production.*
- *Encourage politicians at the federal level to address this issue.*
- *Support local and national governments around the world who are bravely standing up to our own government in an effort to rid the world of these unspeakable weapons.*
- *Play a crucial role in the unstoppable movement worldwide to eliminate these weapons from the face of the earth before these weapons eliminate us in a war or by accident.*



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