

Re: Please help get rid of nuclear weapons

Dear

As my member of Congress, I ask that you take a stand against all nuclear weapons by signing the attached **ICAN Legislative Pledge**. This Pledge is a commitment by Parliamentarians and Legislators from around the world to work to promote the signing and ratification of the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** by their respective countries. [The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(ICAN\)](#) is a global people's movement that won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its work facilitating this groundbreaking Treaty.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted by 122 countries at the UN in 2017, makes it illegal to develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess, stockpile, transfer, receive, use, or even *threaten* to use nuclear weapons or explosive nuclear devices. **Nuclear weapons have now been categorically rejected by the international community.**

The new Treaty puts these abhorrent weapons on the same legal footing as other indiscriminate and inhumane weapons, including biological weapons, chemical weapons, anti-personnel landmines and cluster munitions. So far [86 nations have signed the Treaty and 51 nations have ratified it](#). It will enter into force as binding law in the first 50 countries on January 22, 2021.

The US and other nuclear-armed countries boycotted the Treaty and declared that they have no intention of implementing it. The Trump Administration even attempted to interfere by writing to the ratifying countries and [asking them to de-ratify!](#)

However, **we the people** are calling on our elected representatives to support this Treaty and to work for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by signing the ICAN Pledge. This Pledge has already been [signed by nearly 1,600 Legislators from over 30 countries](#). Nine current members of the US Congress have signed, and we hope to see many more signatures – including yours!

The time has come to eliminate these weapons once and for all – before they eliminate us. Please show your leadership by signing the ICAN Legislative **Pledge** and moving us closer to a nuclear weapon free world.

I look forward to hearing from you, and if you are not ready to sign the Pledge at this time, I would ask that you set up a time when I could meet with you and/or your staff to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Kind regards,