

Dear

As my Member of Congress, I ask that you take a stand against all nuclear weapons by signing the ICAN Pledge and/or co-sponsoring the Norton Bill, ([H.R.2850](#)).

The ICAN Pledge is a commitment by 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 role in facilitating this groundbreaking Treaty.

The Norton Bill calls on the US to sign the treaty, eliminate its nuclear weapons along with the other nuclear-armed countries, and use all that money and expertise to instead address the climate crisis and other pressing social needs. Co-sponsoring the Norton Bill amounts to fulfilling the ICAN Pledge.

You can download a copy of the Pledge to sign [here](#), or alternatively simply send an email to info@icanw.org from your official email account.

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 89 nations have signed the Treaty and 61 nations have ratified it. It entered 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.

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 2,000 Legislators from over 30 countries. So far, eleven 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 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,