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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the United States to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and convert nuclear weapons industry resources and personnel to purposes relating to addressing the climate crisis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Weapons Abo-
5 lition and Conversion Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**
2 **AND CONVERSION OF RESOURCES TO EN-**
3 **ERGY AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the United States should provide leadership
6 by—

7 (1) signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of
8 Nuclear Weapons; and

9 (2) ratifying such treaty when it is clear that
10 ratification will result in—

11 (A) the dismantlement and elimination of
12 all nuclear weapons in every country; and

13 (B) strict and effective international con-
14 trol of such dismantlement and elimination.

15 (b) REDIRECTION OF RESOURCES.—Beginning on
16 the date on which the President certifies to Congress that
17 all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun the
18 verifiable and irreversible elimination of such weapons
19 under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,
20 the United States shall redirect resources that are being
21 used for nuclear weapons programs to be used for—

22 (1) purposes related to addressing the climate
23 crisis, including through the development and de-
24 ployment of clean, renewable energy sources, by con-
25 verting all nuclear weapons industry processes,

1 plants, and programs for such purposes and by re-
2 training nuclear industry employees; and

3 (2) addressing human and infrastructure needs,
4 such as health care, housing, education, agriculture,
5 and environmental restoration, including long-term
6 radioactive waste monitoring; and

7 (3) actively promote policies to induce all other
8 countries to join in the commitments referred to in
9 paragraphs (1) and (2) to create a more peaceful
10 and secure world.