

## Candidates' Pledge for a Nuclear Weapons Free Future

*“As a candidate for public office, I consider the abolition of nuclear weapons to be an essential step towards a more peaceful, prosperous, fair and just society. I therefore call on the US to sign, ratify and implement the 2017 International Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Until that happens, I will support legislation that would bring local and state governments into alignment with the Treaty, as far as it is legally and practically possible to do so.”*

To sign this Pledge, send an email to [candidates@nuclearban.us](mailto:candidates@nuclearban.us). We will ask you to verify your status as a candidate for public office, for instance by adding a link on your own campaign website. You will then be listed as having signed the pledge, and shown on a map for convenience of voters trying to locate who has signed it.

### Background

Nuclear weapons are the most destructive, inhumane and indiscriminate weapons ever invented. A single detonation – on purpose or by accident – would be a humanitarian catastrophe of unparalleled proportions. A “limited” exchange of nuclear weapons, for instance between India and Pakistan or between the US and North Korea, 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.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by 122 nations at the UN on 7/7/17. The Treaty comprehensively bans the development, production, possession, deployment, threat and use of nuclear weapons under international law.

Elected officials at all levels of government can make a hugely important contribution to this movement, by supporting efforts at the municipal, state and federal levels to prohibit research and construction of nuclear weapons, divest from and boycott the companies concerned, and otherwise push for the US to sign, ratify and implement the Treaty.

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