

April 3, 2019

Dear Senators,

On behalf of Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), I'm writing in support of Senate Joint Memorial 5, sponsored by Senator Michael Dembrow and Representatives Tawna Sanchez, which urges congress to lead a global effort to reduce the threat of nuclear war.

Oregon has a long history taking action to oppose the production, testing and use of nuclear weapons.

In the late 80's and early 90's, hundreds of Oregonians and Senator Mark Hatfield and Rep. Mike Kopetski led the successful effort to ban above ground nuclear testing in the United States.

Today, Oregonians need to step up again to reduce the threat of nuclear war-especially now with a President who has even said he would consider using nuclear weapons.

Therefore we urge you to support SJM 5 which calls for:

- The United Nation's Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,
- Federal legislation to renounce the option of using nuclear weapons first,
- Taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert,
- Ending the President's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack,
- Canceling plans to replace the entire US arsenal with next-generation nuclear weapons.

Thank you for your consideration,

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