

Senators: Support Nuclear Disarmament

To: Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Barbara Boxer

On April 5, 2009, President Barack Obama called for the United States to work for a world free of nuclear weapons. As your constituents, we urge you to take substantial and effective action to make this long-held dream a reality. To insure progress toward this goal, we call on you to:

Work for Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty – This treaty, signed by President Bill Clinton in 1996, has never been ratified by the Senate, leaving the United States as the most significant country to fail to ratify the treaty.

Confirm essential nominees so they can begin to negotiate a renewal of START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) – This critical treaty expires on December 5 of this year. Negotiations to renew the treaty between Russia and the US cannot even begin until the Senate confirms the nominees who will be involved in those negotiations.

Support significant increases in U.S. funding for initiatives to secure dangerous stockpiles of old nuclear materials that could be used to build bombs.

Thank you.

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