



June 5, 2025

Dear elected official,

On behalf of the Physicists Coalition for Nuclear Threat Reduction, a non-partisan, national organization of physical scientists, I write to urge your support for H.Res. 100 and H.Res. 317, two resolutions calling for actions and policies to help reduce the likelihood of a nuclear war and an unconstrained nuclear arms race.

The Physicists Coalition for Nuclear Threat Reduction, which includes experts on nuclear weapons issues, works to diminish the danger posed by nuclear weapons. It is widely recognized that geopolitical tensions and nuclear weapons development in several nations are increasing the likelihood of nuclear use.

We are at a critical moment; In February, 2026 New START, the last significant nuclear arms control treaty between the United States and Russia, expires. Absent a follow-on agreement, this would mark the first time in decades with no constraint on the number of nuclear weapons allowed in Russia or the United States.

Wisely, HR 100 calls for the Administration to “actively pursue dialogue with the Russian Federation on a new nuclear arms control framework.” It also calls for bilateral talks with China. The resolution expresses the common-sense, long-standing bipartisan “support for the continued value of arms control agreements and negotiated constraints on Russian and Chinese strategic nuclear forces.” HR 100 is resonant with President Trump’s recent statements of interest in initiating such talks with both Russia and China.

The resolution also condemns and calls for the cessation of all “nuclear escalatory rhetoric” and threats from any nuclear-armed state, as unfortunately exemplified by several statements by President Putin during the war in Ukraine.

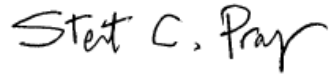
We also encourage your support of H. Res. 317 which urges “the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race.” The resolution has two components – it calls for modifications of U.S. policy to reduce the risk of nuclear war without any sacrifice to U.S. security and for steps to halt and reverse the emerging nuclear arms race that is impossible for any nation to “win.” It calls for policies to avoid nuclear war by accident or haste, such as adoption of a no-first-use policy, implementation of checks and balances on the Commander-in-Chief’s sole authority to order the launch of nuclear weapons, and termination of the Cold War-era hair trigger launch-on-warning posture of our nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missiles, which increases the risk of miscalculation and catastrophe. The resolution also calls for the United States to engage in negotiations for verifiable nuclear arms control and reduction with the other eight nuclear armed states.

These two resolutions are strongly in the interest of all in the United States and they deserve your support. Like many Americans, we are deeply concerned about the threats posed by nuclear weapons. We urge you to speak up in support by endorsing either or both resolutions and to encourage your colleagues to do so as well.

Finally, we encourage you to join the Bicameral Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group if you wish further involvement in these important issues and to receive alerts on related votes.

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding your views on these matters. If further input from the scientific community would be beneficial, we stand ready to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart C. Prager". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stewart Prager

Chair, Steering committee

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