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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 S. Res. 61, a resolution that calls for actions that would 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, Senate Resolution 61 (SR 61) call 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.” SR 61 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.

SR 61 is strongly in the interest of all in the United States and it deserves 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 the resolution and 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,

Stewart Prager

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