

Declaration of _____,

**A Citizen of the United States of America, Concerning
the Design, Production, Testing, Planning for Use, and Use of Nuclear Weapons**
and made in accordance with my conscience, Article I of the Bill of Rights,
U.S. Constitution, and Nuremberg Principle VII

Having become deeply convinced that...

the continued planning for the use of nuclear weapons, and threatening to use nuclear weapons, by the United States, instructs all nations and all persons that nuclear weapons, and weapons of mass destruction in general, are legitimate and desirable means to achieve military and political ends. This increases the probability that the United States will eventually be attacked with nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction.

the enormous cost of nuclear weapons and missile programs diverts resources away from possible economic, medical and educational development assistance around the world. This increases world poverty, increases world resentment against the United States, and increases the probability of both wars and terrorist attacks against the United States, and against myself as a citizen of the United States.

the production of uranium and plutonium for nuclear weapons creates extremely long-lived radioactive poisons that threaten the genetic integrity of my life, of human life and of all life on Earth, and will burden future generations for hundreds of thousands of years with illnesses, birth defects and the need to safeguard nuclear wastes.

the possession of nuclear weapons exerts a distorting influence on the thinking of public officials and diplomats, causing them to imagine that complex problems in the relationships of nations can be solved with large explosions, inculcating in them a false sense of invulnerability, and turning them away from the patient labor needed to create a more peaceful and a more livable world.

the injurious effects of nuclear weapons, including radioactive fallout and the resulting sicknesses and genetic damage, cannot be controlled or contained. This makes injuring and killing civilians an inevitable consequence of using nuclear weapons, and reveals nuclear explosive devices to be weapons of mass murder rather than of war.

because the nuclear weapons programs of the United States are carried out in the name of, on behalf of, with the financial support of, and with the consent of, the citizens of the United States, each citizen bears personal, moral and legal responsibility for the actions and plans of the United States government (Nuremberg Principle VII), and has a moral duty to publicly oppose nuclear weapons, and to inform public officials of this opposition.

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I, therefore, make the following declarations:

I renounce, withdraw my citizen's consent for, and oppose any design, production, testing, planning for use, or use of nuclear weapons by the United States, against any nation, group, persons or person, at any time, and under any circumstances. I declare to all agencies of the United States government that if I die in an act of mass murder against the United States, I do not want further acts of mass murder committed in my name.

I instruct my elected representatives, namely, the President of the United States, the two United States Senators from the State of _____, and the Representative in the House of Representatives from the _____ District of _____, in their duty to represent me, to take the following actions:

1. To take all necessary steps to halt the design, production, testing, deployment and planning for use of nuclear weapons, and to recall and dismantle all such weapons now deployed.
2. To make every possible effort to move the conduct of United States foreign policy away from its current basis in fear, threat, military coercion and strategic deception, and toward honesty, dialogue, cooperation for mutual benefit, and a better life for all people around the world; and to encourage this shift in other nations.
3. To redirect the economic resources now being devoted to nuclear arms, missiles and missile defenses to economic, health and educational development both in the United States and around the world.

I appeal to every citizen of the United States of America, and to every person in every country, to renounce the use of nuclear weapons on his or her behalf under any circumstances, and to cease any activity connected with the design, production, testing, deployment, and planning for use, of nuclear weapons.

I commit myself to help build a world in which peace is possible, a world in which people work together toward meeting (and creatively reconciling) their basic needs for food, shelter, education, medical services, personal freedom, cultural autonomy and ecological survival.

Please retain this document. I intend these instructions and appeals to remain in force for the rest of my life, and to be binding upon the successive holders of the elective offices named above. I make this declaration in my own name and in the name of:

Signed this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

_____, and witnessed by:
resident of _____
City _____
State and Zipcode _____