## END THE NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE

S eventy-three years have passed since the first use of weapons of mass destruction. We cannot forget the lives lost at Ground Zero in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, when the United States bombed Japan, incinerating 100,000 people in a single instant. Just a few days later on August 9, another 70,000 people were killed by the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Countless tens of thousands have died of radiation exposure and cancers in the

years since.

Despite that horror the Soviet Union and United States launched a nuclear arms race that led to the proliferation of nuclear weapons, threatening an end to life on earth in an instant.

Trillions of dollars and countless brilliant minds have been wasted to create thousands of weapons that must never be used again.

With the splitting of the atom everything has changed save the way we think. Thus we drift towards unparalleled catastrophe. Albert Einstein, 1946 Lies about weapons of mass destruction launched the U.S. invasion of Iraq that killed thousands of soldiers and innocent civilians. Threats against Iran could lead to a wider and far more destructive war. While the U.S. president boasts about the size of his "nuclear button", 122 nations at the U. N. agreed to the text of a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. Work is ongoing

to ratify the Treaty and end the nuclear threat.

However, the U.S. is headed the wrong way. The latest nuclear modernization plan is projected to cost nearly \$2 trillion over three decades. Among the many actions we can take for a nuclear-free world, isn't it time to cut off the funding?

Join thousands of people who have taken a step to stop their income tax dollars from going to weapons and war. Contact a group below for details.

The nuclear bomb is the most anti-democratic, antinational, anti-human, outright evil thing that man has ever made.... This world of ours is four billion, six hundred million years old. It could end in an afternoon.

—**A**rundhati **R**oy

Trillions of dollars and seven decades of the nuclear nightmare is enough. Let's cut off the funds for weapons of mass destruction!

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