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Via email: seanjameshoward@gmail.com

Dear Dr. Howard,

Thank you for writing to the Liberal Party of Canada regarding this important issue.

A re-elected Liberal government will remain committed to achieving a world free of nuclear weapons, pursuing a pragmatic approach that takes into account the security considerations of all states.

When it comes to nuclear disarmament, the Liberal government has worked as a bridge-builder among states to reinforce the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the cornerstone of global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. This approach has sought to halt the spread of nuclear weapons, reduce existing stockpiles, and, ultimately, eliminate these weapons in a manner that is verifiable and irreversible. While this approach will take time, it is better able to build the trust and confidence required to make concrete progress toward a world free of nuclear weapons.

Through this approach, Canada has been a leader in contributing to the development of the global architecture for non-proliferation and disarmament, focusing efforts on initiatives that unite nuclear and non-nuclear armed states such as commencing negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty, pushing for the entry-into-force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, supporting initiatives to build global capacity for nuclear disarmament verification, and advancing a more inclusive approach to disarmament and non-proliferation, including the full and equal participation of women and engagement of youth.

In addition, Canada welcomed the recent extension of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) between the United States and Russia and continues to advocate strongly for the expansion of arms control. Canada is also an active member of coalitions of non-nuclear weapon states, like the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative and the Stockholm Initiative for Nuclear Disarmament.

Canada has long been, and remains, an important player in global nuclear disarmament and remains deeply committed to achieving the ultimate goal of a world free of nuclear weapons. A re-elected Liberal government will continue to make concrete efforts toward nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and would be happy to engage in further discussions with your organization to see how we can all help achieve the mutual goal of nuclear non-proliferation.

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On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

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