

National Organization Statements in Support of McGovern-Tokuda Resolution on Nuclear Weapons

The Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

"I fully support House Resolution 317. From the beginning of the first arms race, the U.S. and Russia rejected minimal deterrence in favor of nuclear war fighting capabilities even though there are no winners in a nuclear war. Now that we are in a second arms race, the two nuclear superpowers should demonstrate global leadership by honoring the disarmament obligations they promised to in the 1970 NonProliferation Treaty. H. Res. 317 is an important step in that direction. I strongly urge the New Mexican congressional delegation to support it as well."

The Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

Bishop Julius Trimble

"The United Methodist Church has long called for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The existence of nuclear weapons is antithetical to our faith, which calls on us to practice responsible stewardship. This resolution is a moral imperative, urging us to prioritize peace and the well-being of our communities over weapons of war."

Bishop Julius Trimble
General Secretary
General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), the social justice agency of the United Methodist Church

John Tierney

"At a time of increased tensions around the world, we cannot risk letting nuclear threats increase. That is why Council for a Livable World supports Congressman McGovern's H. Res. 317 to lower nuclear risks and promote diplomacy to work toward a world free from nuclear threats. We urge Members to support this legislation and all efforts to reduce nuclear tensions in favor of foreign and national security that will address the issues we face rather than bring us to the precipice of confrontation and waste billions of taxpayer dollars in the process."

John Tierney
Executive Director
Council for a Livable World

Brian Campbell

"Nuclear weapons are one of the greatest risks humanity faces. They endanger every person's health, every nation's security, and the very survival of our planet. As an organization of healthcare professionals, we know there is no cure for the devastation caused by these weapons."

That's why Physicians for Social Responsibility supports this resolution that seeks to prevent nuclear war and abolish nuclear weapons."

Brian Campbell, PhD
Executive Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Martha Dina Argüello

"This resolution articulates a truly comprehensive nuclear disarmament framework -- one that addresses the past and current harm caused by nuclear weapons and the need to care for and provide a just economic transition for the people and communities whose livelihoods depend on nuclear weapons."

Martha Dina Argüello
Executive Director
Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles

Michael Neuroth

"The United Church of Christ, as a "Just Peace" denomination that has spent decades working towards a more just and peaceful world for all. We have been deeply concerned about the dangers and harm of nuclear weapons and nuclear testing, particularly through our partnership with the people of the Marshall Islands. Along with our previous General Synod resolutions that support the elimination of nuclear weapons the United Church of Christ General Synod in 2019 passed a resolution supporting the Back from the Brink Coalition and its five policy recommendations. This resolution reflects these five principles and the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. The United Church of Christ shares this vision, and affirms the principles within this resolution as important first steps toward global peacemaking efforts."

Rev. Michael Neuroth
Director, Office of Public Policy & Advocacy
United Church of Christ, National Ministries

Daryl Kimball

"Through the years, Americans have successfully pressed our leaders to pursue nuclear arms control in order to reduce the nuclear threat. But now, eighty years after the first use of nuclear weapons, the danger of nuclear war and nuclear arms racing is on the rise once again. This timely resolution outlines a practical plan for action to restore U.S. leadership to lead the world back from the nuclear brink and build a safer world for our children and generations to come."

Daryl G. Kimball
Executive Director
Arms Control Association

Denise Duffield

“The McGovern-Tokuda resolution is more than a statement—it’s a detailed, actionable roadmap to nuclear disarmament. It provides a clear strategy for reducing nuclear risks, ending outdated policies, championing justice for impacted communities, and advancing a future free from the threat of nuclear war.”

Denise Duffield
Co-Manager
Back from the Brink Coalition
and
Associate Director
Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles

Charlene Howard

"The continued possession of and financial expenses for nuclear weapons is unconscionable. Rep. McGovern's resolution is a moral imperative—it urges us to prioritize peace and the well-being of all people over the destructive power of nuclear arms."

Charlene Howard
Executive Director
Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement