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Re: WILPF US petitions to US Senate supporting UN nuclear ban treaty

When we realized we would be able to attend the World Conference Against A & H Bombs this year, we decided we would like to offer the petition signatures that members of the US Section of Women's International League for Peace & Freedom have collected, calling for the United States Senate to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, to be added to the Hibakusha Appeal.

We are heartened by the 10 million signatures we understand have been collected worldwide on the Hibakusha Appeal, and very pleased that we are able to deliver a thumb drive to Hidankyo containing scans of the **5,018** signatures collected on 559 paper petitions (see sample on page 3 of this letter). There are another **2,543** signatures which have been collected online at <http://bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition>, totalling **7,561** signatures since 2017.

WILPF members intend to continue to circulate the petition, which is a useful tool for educating the public about the existence of the UN treaty, and hope to join you in the future when you deliver the Hibakusha Appeal, so we can bring the original signed WILPF petitions to join you in the ceremony.

We also have included on the thumb drive a document with greetings from dozens of WILPF members and friends.

Nuri Ronaghy, Alan Shorb, and I are so pleased and honored to meet with you today, and to participate in the World Conference Against A & H Bombs. We pray, with you, that human beings will never again create a nuclear holocaust, and that we may soon be free of this insanity.

We promise to continue to work for a nuclear-free future!

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Support the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty - (online petition – <http://bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition>)

THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE

End the Whole Nuclear Era

**Abolish Nuclear Weapons,
Close Nuclear Power Plants**

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This is the full text of the petition that appears below:

SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY

I am committed to a world without nuclear weapons. I endorse the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons adopted by 122 countries on July 7, 2017.

As a citizen or resident of the United States, I call upon the President to sign and the Senate to consent to ratify this Treaty.

Further, I call upon the President, with the support of the Senate, to lead the way to negotiate the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by 122 countries on July 7, 2017. Those nations came together in first steps towards ratification of a legally binding treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

In 1972 biological weapons were banned. In 1993 chemical weapons were banned and four years later in 1997 land mines were banned. Then, in 2008 cluster munitions were banned. Now is the time to ban nuclear weapons!

The use of nuclear weapons, either intentional or accidental, will cause untold suffering to millions of people and is a threat to the existence of humankind. The Treaty prohibits, among other things, the possession, use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

When we “End the Whole Nuclear Era,” money and resources will be freed to address societal, environmental and other essential needs.

We, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, are asking the citizens and residents of the United States to make our voices be heard by your signing of this petition.

[As of July 28, 2019, 2,543 signatures have been collected online, and 5,018 signatures on 558 paper petitions collected by members of WILPF US at events around the United States, for a total of 7,561 signatures.]

