

Form a Citizen's Commission to Oversee the Safety of the Commonwealth and its Citizens Against the Threat of Nuclear Weapons

Resolutions and a resolve relative to the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HD.455 (Rep. Sabadosa); S.xxxx (Sen. Comerford)

- HD.455 would establish a commission of Massachusetts citizens, appointed by state officials with the help of Massachusetts Peace Action, to make recommendations to the state on what means would best protect the people of Massachusetts from the existential threat of nuclear weapons.
- This bill would also require that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts back the national "Back from the Brink" platform, which calls on national leaders to:
 - support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
 - pursue the global elimination of nuclear weapons;
 - renounce nuclear first strike capabilities;
 - pursue an end to the president's sole authority to launch nuclear attacks;
 - and seek to cancel the \$1 trillion plan to replace the US's entire nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons.
- Scientists have estimated that just 100 nuclear weapons could all but cripple society.
- There are 14,000 nuclear weapons on earth, with nearly 6,000 in the United States alone and sole, unilateral authority to launch them vested in the president.
- Despite the already terrifying strength of the US nuclear arsenal, and the fact that the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has publicly acknowledged that the US nuclear arsenal is already more advanced than Russia's or China's, the US plans to modernize its nuclear weapons capabilities, which will cost taxpayers \$1.7 Trillion (adjusted for inflation) over a 30-year period.

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