

Nuclear Ban Treaty Alignment

Resolve Creating a Citizens Commission Concerning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Being in Alignment with the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

H.3239 (Rep. Sabadosa); S.2157 (Sen.Comerford) malegislature.gov/Bills/191/SD1688

Our state should align with this Treaty and join the majority of the world's countries who are lining up to eliminate all nuclear weapons before they eliminate us!



Candidates pledge support for Nuclear Ban Treaty on steps of Northampton City Hall, 7/14/18

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW or 'Nuclear Ban Treaty') was adopted by 122 countries at the United Nations in 2017. It prohibits under international law everything to do with nuclear weapons, and will enter into force in the next year or so, once 50 countries have ratified it.

The US has shown no interest in this Treaty, but as with the Paris Climate Agreement, we the people of this country can take the lead when our government does not.

The State of California became the first state in the Union to call on the US government to support this Treaty. Massachusetts can become the first state to

actually commit itself to this Treaty. This is just an initial first step towards bringing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts into alignment with the rest of the world on this issue.

Senate Bill #SD1688/House Bill #HD3477 would establish a Citizen's Commission for the purpose of researching and reporting on the ways in which the Commonwealth is currently in violation of this Treaty, coming up with a time-bound plan for bringing the Commonwealth into alignment with the Treaty, and recommending this to the citizens and legislature of the Commonwealth for their approval at a future date.

This important Bill would lay the groundwork for a safe and sustainable statewide conversion of the nuclear weapons industry to greener and more socially responsible products and send a powerful signal to the US government and the international community that it is time to get rid of nuclear weapons once and for all.

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