

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2102

February 11, 2000

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
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Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the non-binding public opinion advisory question on nuclear weapons. The people of Cambridge are to be commended for their dedication and continued efforts to reduce the threat from nuclear weapons.

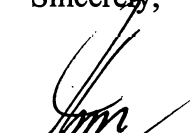
I agree that serious efforts to reduce the nuclear danger must be multilateral, and I share the hope of the people of Cambridge that one day we will be able to remove all nuclear arsenals currently in existence. To do that, we must make more progress in strengthening international law and the respect for human existence. I do not believe our nation unilaterally can eliminate all of its nuclear capacity while potential adversaries possess these deadly weapons.

Until we are able to eliminate nuclear weapons, the threat from and costs of maintaining large nuclear weapons continue. I am particularly concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons and have fully supported past successful negotiations of multilateral and bilateral agreements aimed at reducing the threat from proliferation. But we certainly must redouble our arms control and reduction efforts, with the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons.

As the nuclear tests by India and Pakistan illustrate, the U.S. and its allies have a great deal of work to do in building an international agreement to fully implement the principals embodied in the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). I was dismayed at the recent defeat of the CTBT in the Senate and I will certainly continue to work on this issue.

I thank you for bringing this important decision by the people of Cambridge to my attention. Rest assured, I will continue to work hard in the Senate on reducing the threat from nuclear weapons. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry

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