

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Cosponsor H. Res. 278
The Global Security Priorities Resolution

Dear Colleague,

As you know, the United States and the Russian Federation are now engaged in serious negotiations to extend strategic arms reduction agreements and to consider paths to further reductions and strengthening verification measures. Further bipartisan impetus is necessary, however, to encourage reductions and the concomitant savings that will result. *H. Res. 278, the Global Security Priorities Act*, calls for continuing negotiations to reduce nuclear arsenals of both the United States and the Russian Federation to no more than 1,000 deployed warheads and a total inventory of about 3,000. This will materially reduce warhead numbers, reduce the costs of maintenance of the remaining stockpile, and set an example for other nuclear powers.

In a period where federal deficits are in the minds of many Americans, the ability to recognize savings and apply these savings to other programs that provide for enhanced U.S. security is most appropriate, including greater support for nuclear threat reduction, as well as global child survival. Indeed, the Marshall Plan long ago demonstrated that political and economic security comes from alleviating poverty and want as much as it does from armaments. H. Res. 278 provides the tools to create a new initiative to counter today's international terrorism threat. We urge you to cosponsor this resolution, which is supported by a wide array of bipartisan experts, including retired Major General William F. Burns, a consultant to the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, who was head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under President Reagan and a key negotiator on the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) agreement and other treaties.

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Sincerely,



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