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**SAMPLE LETTER #1 TO SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN --TAKE ANY OR ALL OF THESE POINTS  
AND PUT THEM INTO WORDS THAT SUIT YOU!**

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Room 331, Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Attention: Rich Harper

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I wholeheartedly agree with your statement that pursuing a new H-bomb "could serve to encourage the very proliferation we are trying to prevent." Like you, I am committed to stopping new nuclear weapons and to ensuring that there is never any return to full-scale nuclear testing.

I want to commend you, in particular, for sponsoring a new bill, S.1914, to terminate all funding for the Department of Energy's so-called "Reliable Replacement Warhead," and to require, instead, that the next U.S. President conduct an in-depth review of our nation's nuclear weapons policy. This is exactly the right move for California and for our country.

I appreciate the leadership role you played to terminate the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator bomb -- and I am counting on your continued leadership to stop the RRW program.

As a Northern Californian, I am especially appalled that our neighbor, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was chosen to develop the first new RRW warhead, named RRW-1 and intended to sit atop Trident missiles in U.S. submarines.

The Livermore Lab should be converted from nuclear weapons to a civilian science mission, focused on "green" programs like renewable energy, global climate change research and cleanup of radioactive and toxic wastes. The Reliable Replacement Warhead, on the other hand, will make our state, our country and our whole world less, not more, secure.

By designing a new hydrogen bomb, the U.S. will:

1. Promote global nuclear proliferation. How can we effectively tell other nations they cannot have even one nuclear weapon when we are designing and building new ones? "Do as I say, not as I do," is not a workable nonproliferation policy.
2. Complicate efforts to persuade countries like North Korea to give up nuclear weapons. How can we convince North Korea that nuclear weapons are not needed for their "national security," when a new U.S. nuclear bomb sends the unmistakable message that we think nuclear weapons are crucial to ours?
3. Further undermine U.S. compliance with international law, specifically Article 6 of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Under the NPT, the U.S. is obligated to eliminate its nuclear arsenal. Few countries are likely to believe that creating new nuclear bombs is truly the path to disarmament. That's like shooting people in the head and claiming it's a step toward nonviolence.

4. Waste billions of tax-payer dollars. The Government Accountability Office has published an initial cost projection of \$150 billion for the DOE's Complex 2030 plan to revitalize the nuclear weapons complex in order to build these new H-bombs. This money should be spent on health care, schools, libraries, global warming research and other beneficial programs.

5. Pollute the environment around Livermore Lab and other DOE nuclear weapons sites. Both the Livermore Lab's "Main Site" in Livermore and its "Site 300" high explosives testing range near Tracy are heavily contaminated by toxic and radioactive debris from past nuclear weapons activities. Both locations are on the U.S. EPA's "Superfund" list of most contaminated sites in the country. The emphasis should be on cleanup of Livermore Lab's "Main Site" and "Site 300" -- not nuclear weapons build up.

The U.S. should eliminate its nuclear arsenal, not re-design and rebuild it.

Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for introducing S.1914 to zero out funds for the RRW, and I urge you to make stopping new nuclear weapons your NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. Please keep me informed of your progress -- I stand ready to help in this most important effort!

Sincerely,

Name

Full Address

Email, if applicable

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I appreciate the leadership role you played in terminating the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator bomb -- and commend you for introducing S.1914 to cut funds for the Department of Energy's (DOE) newest H-bomb, the so-called Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW).

The RRW is a reckless, dangerous program -- and it must be stopped.

There is no sound rationale for this new weapons program. Indeed, it sends the wrong signal to the rest of the world about U.S. intentions to live up to its disarmament obligations under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) at the exact moment we are trying to persuade other countries not to pursue nuclear weapons.

The U.S. cannot effectively preach nuclear abstinence to other nations from the biggest barstool on earth.

The Reliable Replacement Warhead is not needed. As you well know, a panel of scientists, called the JASONS, recently published their evaluation of DOE's own data on the plutonium cores in nuclear weapons. The JASONS found that U.S. nuclear weapons cores will work as planned for a minimum of 100 years. The average age of a nuclear weapon in the U.S. "enduring" arsenal is about 22 years. There is no "reliability" question to which RRW is the answer!

The Reliable Replacement Warhead may lead to a resumption of full-scale nuclear testing in Nevada. I know you have sought assurances from DOE that the RRW would not lead to nuclear testing. However, those assurances have not come. The Administration has refused to rule out the possibility that RRW may lead to the resumption of nuclear testing. Further, many believe that the military will not, in the final analysis, allow new nuclear weapons into the arsenal without full-scale proof testing.

Some Reliable Replacement Warhead proponents have claimed that designing and building new RRWs will lead to a smaller arsenal. They argue that once the RRW is in the stockpile, the U.S. can then dismantle older weapons. The truth is that the U.S. has nearly 10,000 nuclear weapons in the arsenal when you count the reserve warheads. The U.S. can and should reduce the current nuclear weapons stockpile without putting new, "replacement" bombs into it!

You have led the Senate on nonproliferation issues in an exemplary manner, and I know you understand the serious proliferation impacts of the proposed RRW program and the new nuclear weapons complex that DOE wants in order to build the RRWs, which is called Complex 2030.

As a Californian, this makes me proud.

However, I am counting on you to continue this work. Both the RRW and the underlying Complex 2030 plan must be de-funded. S.1914 takes a giant step in that direction.

Please keep me informed of your progress in stopping new nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,

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Full Address

Email, if applicable