

Tri-Valley CAREs

Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

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Dear friend of Tri-Valley CAREs,

I want to thank you for your generous support, which has helped stop nuclear weapons where they start... at the Livermore Lab.

Together, you and I and the team at Tri-Valley CAREs have accomplished a lot. Recently, we persuaded Congress and the Administration to cut funds for dangerous nuclear programs, won a federal lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act, exposed financial abuses by Livermore Lab management, initiated a community radiation monitoring project – and more!

But, we are not resting on our laurels. **Let me share what we have planned, and ask you for the continued financial support that is so vital to our success right now.**

Tri-Valley CAREs is acting today to prevent further nuclear weapons development. As I write this, **I am facilitating the planning group for a major demonstration on August 5.** We will commemorate the 67th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by gathering at the Livermore Lab - where the government is spending billions to create new and modified nuclear weapons. At this event, we will connect the dots between militarism and unmet human needs and *"Foreclose on the Bomb, Not the People."*

The commemoration will feature **brilliant speakers** like Dr. Natalia Mironova from Chelyabinsk, Russia, Mr. Takashi Tanemori, a survivor of the Hiroshima bomb, and Tri-Valley CAREs' board member, Tara Dorabji. There will be **amazing performers**, including Emma's Revolution, as well as local artists and Taiko drummers. I have included the latest version of the flier with this letter. And, I invite your participation.

Your donation now will enable me to carry our message from the gates of Livermore to the halls of Congress. At the end of August, I will go to Washington, DC to meet with key committees and Administration officials on the nuclear weapons budget.

I am going to DC to cement the progress we made to delay a new bomb plant. As you may have read in your summer *Citizen's Watch* newsletter, the armed services committees are intent on resuscitating the plutonium bomb plant while the appropriations committees are holding firm (so far) with its delay for 5 or more years. The budget process is not over, and, because of the contacts we at Tri-Valley CAREs have developed, I am called to go and speak out now.

Further, I will meet with decision-makers to forestall an insane proposal to put plutonium bomb cores on the road to Livermore Lab, which will not have the security required to handle them. **Our watchdog efforts uncovered the key details in the plan - and a safer alternative!**

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Tri-Valley CAREs efforts are pivotal to creating social and political change. Our research, analysis and advocacy influence the nation's nuclear policy. Our litigation unearths truths the government would rather keep secret. Our outreach keeps you and others informed.

With these facts in mind, ***I ask you to support our crucial work with a generous gift.***

Your donation of **\$5,000** will help us initiate fresh litigation to uphold the public's right to know. Your gift of **\$1,000** will support needed new facts sheets, reports and advocacy materials. Your **\$500** gift will send me to Washington to speak truth to power about nuclear weapons and the dangers they pose to all life. **\$100** now will help us publicize the August 5th demonstration and stand in solidarity with the Japanese hibakusha (survivors) to declare, "Never Again."

You can also count on us to "keep on keeping on" with our all-important watchdog and outreach activities. If **100 supporters give \$30 apiece**, it will put our next newsletter, *Citizen's Watch*, into the hands of all of our members, like you, plus state and federal regulatory agencies, journalists, UN diplomats, and political movers and shakers.

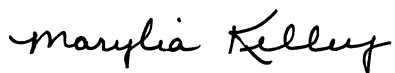
Your donation in any amount is tax-deductible. Please know, too, that it will be gratefully appreciated and put to immediate good use!

Together, we are opposing new nukes and moving the nation, and the world, toward the nuclear-free future that you and I both seek. This **May**, I had the honor of representing all of our members at a **statewide meeting** of "Nuclear Free California," a coalition Tri-Valley CAREs helped form to permanently close our state's two operating nuclear power plants at San Onofre and Diablo Canyon.

In **June**, we arranged a **special tour of Site 300**, the Livermore Lab's high explosives testing range. In **July**, we facilitated a meeting for an evacuee of the **Fukushima** disaster and co-sponsored public meetings with a second Fukushima activist. Later this year, we will organize a "**town hall**" meeting in Livermore on the toxic and radioactive consequences of nuclear weapons development at the Livermore Lab. And, more!

You are a valued supporter and I thank you for your partnership. As you know, Tri-Valley CAREs truly makes a difference in the world. And, with our low overhead, small staff and fabulously motivated volunteers, we are able to make each and every dollar we receive count.

For peace, justice and a healthy environment,



Marylia Kelley
Executive Director

P.S. Please don't put this letter aside and risk forgetting it. Send your tax-deductible gift today by check, or donate on-line at www.trivalleycares.org, where we have set up a secure portal for credit card contributions through Network for Good. I pledge to use your donation wisely – just as I do my own (yes, I am also a happy donor) and those of the staff and board (100% of whom are also enthusiastic donors). **I THANK YOU!**