Dear Tri-Valley CAREs supporter,

I have seen many of you recently at marches, rallies, house parties, speaking events, town halls, and on the barricades, but this is the first chance I’ve had to write and update each of you on Tri-Valley CAREs’ programs, challenges and, yes, major achievements this year.

First, how are you, my friend? These are unprecedented times and nuclear weapons and other dangers are rising. But so, too, are we! Please take a deep breath whenever you need. Think of it as a collective exercise. I hope you can sense my and others’ support around you - in solidarity, in collaboration, and in creative, resolute, effective action.

Tri-Valley CAREs has never been busier, and that’s saying something! Our nearly 35 years of research, analysis, advocacy, and grassroots organizing is experiencing peak demand. Here are a few examples…

As I write this, your Tri-Valley CAREs delegation is preparing to go to Washington to speak truth to power about nuclear weapons to congressional leaders of both parties and to key administration officials. We will press forward with principled advocacy to address the health and environmental harms that accompany nuclear development as we pursue our overarching goal of nuclear abolition.

We will be joined by 70 colleagues, representing nearly three-dozen groups in the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. These are folks who, like Tri-Valley CAREs, live near — and are affected by – the US nuclear weapons complex. Many will be young people, bringing their voices to Washington for the first time.

I will help conduct an all-day training using analysis and recommendations that a number of us organized into a 20-page “Accountability Audit.” We will participate in upwards of 100 pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers. In doing this work, we are representing you, and all of our wonderful members, and your aspirations for peace, justice and a healthy environment.

I invite you to participate with us by reading our newsletter, signing up for electronic alerts, and calling your elected officials using information we share as a basis for recommendations.

I also ask you to contribute financially to Tri-Valley CAREs.

Your gift is tax-deductible - and in no small measure it makes our work possible. Individual donations like yours comprise about 30% of our annual budget. We are a team. Truly, we cannot do this without you!

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Tri-Valley CAREs is pressing for change on the global stage. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter detailing our participation at the United Nations in New York to support the opening negotiating session on a treaty to ban nuclear weapons in much the same way as chemical and biological weapons have been outlawed. At the UN, I had the privilege of participating on a panel of experts to discuss US nuclear weapons policy, how it affects the world, and why the ban treaty is integral to the process of delegitimizing nuclear weapons, leading to their total elimination.

Tri-Valley CAREs is also achieving change at Livermore Lab. For example, as you read this, our staff attorney, Scott Yundt, will be successfully concluding litigation under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a major victory for Tri-Valley CAREs’ efforts to pry loose documents about nuclear materials use at Livermore Lab; simultaneously, it is a huge win for transparency and democracy in an administration that is trying to obstruct both.

We have been busy, too, challenging deficiencies in the Lab’s hazardous waste permit. And, just this spring, we assisted dozens of Livermore Lab workers made ill by on-the-job exposures obtain the compensation and medical help they need.

Our staff, board and membership have published dozens of Letters to the Editor, pursued House and Senate co-sponsors for legislation to restrict President Trump’s ability to launch a nuclear first strike, and brought a clarion call for nuclear abolition to “sister marches,” actively resisting a broad spectrum of disastrous Trump policies.

Tri-Valley CAREs is also deep into preparations for our annual strategic planning retreat in July, and, with Bay Area peace and justice colleagues, we are planning a major March for Nuclear Abolition & Global Survival at Livermore Lab on August 9.

Together, we are making a difference – locally, nationally and globally. I invite you to “keep on keeping on” with Tri-Valley CAREs – in the streets, in the halls of Congress, at the UN, and by contributing financially to our continued success. For all you do, I thank you!

In peace,

Marylia Kelley
Executive Director

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As word leaks out that fired FBI Director Jim Comey had told colleagues that Trump is “crazy” and “outside the realm of normal,” your Tri-Valley CAREs team is heading to Washington to restrict the President’s ability to launch a nuclear first strike solely on his own judgment, with no check or balance. “We aim to stop perilous US nuclear expansion in this time of unprecedented volatility,” said the group’s executive director, Marylia Kelley. “Bringing solid information to decision-makers and advocating common-sense measures that constrain nuclear ambitions are more important today than ever,” she noted.

Five Tri-Valley CAREs members will join colleagues from around the country to participate in upwards of 100 pre-arranged meetings from May 21 to 24 to tell officials to reorient nuclear weapons programs and policies to “shift attention from ‘winning’ a nuclear arms race to winning for the human race.” The Tri-Valley CAREs delegation will collaborate with groups from a dozen other states who are participating in the 29th annual Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) “DC Days.”

We will meet with members of Congress from throughout the Bay Area including John Garamendi, Barbara Lee and Eric Swalwell, and with our CA Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris. We will also speak with key congressional leaders from both parties and their committee staff who oversee nuclear issues, such as those on Armed Services and Appropriations. And, in these tumultuous times, we will focus on key interactions with federal agencies.

“I am particularly pleased to bring four amazing, articulate young people to DC Days this year,” said Kelley. “Their energy and efforts to create a more peaceful world give me hope.”

**Eric Luna** lives close to Livermore Lab’s high explosives testing range and is a 2017 member of the group’s Board of Directors. “I will be speaking with my representative, Jeff Denham, about ending open-air detonations and burning of explosive wastes - in my backyard and nationally,” said Luna. It’s past time to stop these barbaric practices and concentrate on cleanup.”

Rounding out the Tri-Valley CAREs team is **Joseph Rodgers**, who served as our nuclear policy intern last summer. Rodgers is continuing in that capacity while earning a Masters in Nonproliferation at Monterey’s Middlebury Institute of International Studies. **Maggie Rowland** hails from the same graduate program and will be meeting with her local representative, Mark DeSaulnier, among others. **Sarah Eustace** is attending George Washington University and will meet with key committees and give Tri-Valley CAREs added visibility in DC throughout the year.

Tri-Valley CAREs and ANA colleagues will also release an urgently-needed report, “Accountability Audit: Reducing risks and saving billions across the US nuclear weapons complex.” It offers fresh, up-to-the-minute analysis to lawmakers and is chock full of policy recommendations, from changing the dangerous trajectory of Trump’s recently ordered Nuclear Posture Review to ending proliferation-provocative nuclear programs at Livermore Lab and elsewhere.

The report also addresses the growing crisis of environmental de-regulation and calls for rigorous health and safety measures at nuclear sites. The common thread is “accountability” or, rather, the lack of it. (“Accountability Audit,” whose authors include Kelley, is available at www.trivalleycares.org and http://bit.ly/accountability-audit.)

As Rodgers recently told reporters, “Effective accountability and public oversight – rarely exhibited in the nuclear weapons complex – can save taxpayers billions. Further, these initiatives will increase protections for worker and public safety. A shift to real accountability would meet our country’s common security goals far better than building new bomb plants and ‘modernizing’ nuclear weapons.”

As part of DC Days, ANA will sponsor a special Awards Reception honoring Rep. Ted Lieu for his introduction of the “Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act,” in the House and the NGO International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for its historic work to bring to fruition the start of UN negotiations this year on a nuclear weapons “ban treaty.”
March for Nuclear Abolition & Global Survival

No Nukes! No Walls! No Wars! No Warming!

Wed., August 9, 2017 at 8am

Livermore Lab, corner of Vasco & Patterson Pass Roads

Rally, March & Direct Action

Commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the place where new US nuclear weapons are still being developed today; Change the future!

8am rally with speakers and musicians. 9am march to the gates of Livermore Lab, where those who choose will peaceably risk arrest. RSVP for Peace Camp the night before at Lake Del Valle. All ages are welcome!

Stop Trump’s dangerous nuclear weapons policies

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