

# Tri-Valley CAREs

## Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

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Dear Tri-Valley CAREs supporter:

**If you want to help stop nuclear weapons, now is the time to donate.** This month, your Tri-Valley CAREs team is preparing to go to Washington, DC to speak truth to power to members of Congress and the Obama Administration about the grave nuclear dangers and radioactive contaminants we face locally and globally - and the positive alternatives that we can pursue instead.

### **Your contribution will:**

- **Enable** advocacy training and issue briefings so that our youth and other grassroots activists can effectively carry our policy recommendations in the nation's capital.
- **Unite** your Tri-Valley CAREs team members with scores of activists from nuclear weapons sites across the country to amplify our message and power. And,
- **Publish** a major new report from Tri-Valley CAREs showing how decision-makers can take immediate steps to curb the nuclear weapons budget.

**Can I count on your support?** Let me tell you a little more about what your Tri-Valley CAREs team will accomplish. The action began with our staff attorney Scott Yundt's participation on the "DC Days" planning committee. It will continue with an all-day training for activists on Sunday, March 18, that I will help lead.

**More than 80 meetings with the Obama Administration and Congress** will take place the following week. As I write this, we are preparing to meet with top officials at the White House Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Energy, the Government Accountability Office, the Environmental Protection Agency – and more.

Thanks to you and others, **Toshimi Barks** and teammates will carry to DC *thousands* of petitions to ensure adequate funding for cleanup of the toxic wastes that have gotten into the environment at Livermore Lab. Your team will deliver them in meetings with the decision-makers who oversee the Superfund law and determine its funding.

**I'm also excited to tell you about the absolutely essential report we will bring to Congress** to demonstrate how, where and why to cut the bloated nuclear weapons budget.

**Dr. Robert Civiak**, a physicist and former Budget Examiner for the Dept. of Energy's nuclear weapons programs at the White House Office of Management and Budget, has just completed an analysis for us of the Fiscal Year 2013 budget request for nuclear weapons activities. This report lays bare the inconvenient contradiction at the center of the budget request: The nuclear weapons makers want vastly increased funding for a shrinking number

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of warheads. **Your Tri-Valley CAREs team will use Dr. Civiak's analysis** to convince Congress and the Administration to cut the funding for nuclear bombs.

**I want to make sure, too, that you receive a copy of this great report** and its recommendations. Check the box on the enclosed reply card with your donation of any amount, and I will mail you a copy – along with my heartfelt appreciation! We will also have it up on our web site for you soon.

You recognize that all of us at Tri-Valley CAREs are **toiling in the shadow of the bomb** every single day to stop the nuclear madness. And, often we win! Our “watchdog” efforts have led to a declining ability at Livermore Lab to conduct experiments with deadly plutonium.

Further, our team has worked tirelessly to stop a new plutonium bomb plant at the Los Alamos Lab in NM. As you may have read, our efforts, and those of our allies, have succeeded. This year there is **no funding for that bomb plant**. It will be delayed at least 5 years, and we will continue to advocate for its total cancellation. Similarly, we were able to stop any more “loan guarantees,” which are a give-away to the nuclear power industry, from appearing in the budget. **We make a difference.**

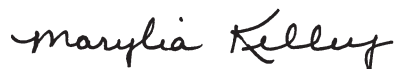
And, we have lots of work still to do. Your Tri-Valley CAREs team is going to Congress to **halt a new uranium bomb plant** at Y-12 in Oak Ridge, TN. We will **oppose a plutonium fuel factory** at the Savannah River Site in SC where the government plans to make mixed oxide (MOX) fuel for nuclear power reactors. We will **stop the production of a new nuclear “Frankenbomb,”** called the B61-12, which weapons designers want to create using “mix and match” parts from up to 4 different versions of the B61 bomb.

**We will press Congress and the Obama Administration for real cleanup** in communities around nuclear weapons sites, **demand justice for workers made ill** by on the job exposures and **promote a “green lab” in Livermore** devoted to civilian science and genuine renewable energy research.

**Tri-Valley CAREs is also taking action locally.** On April 5, you are invited to a letter writing party at our office. On April 6, please join us to protest nuclear weapons at the gates of Livermore Lab. On April 19, your Tri-Valley CAREs team will hold a special meeting to report to the community on what we accomplished in Washington, DC.

You and I both know that Tri-Valley CAREs often succeeds against immense odds. But you may not realize the key role your donation plays in our ability to create social and political change. **We cannot do this work without you!**

For peace, justice and a healthy environment,



Marylia Kelley,  
Executive Director

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