

# Your Tri-Valley CAREs Team is Going to Washington, DC

Please take this action at home to amplify our voices in the halls of Congress

## National Day of Action to Stop Funding for Nuclear Bombs - March 21, 2012

While families struggle financially, the federal agency in charge of nuclear weapons wants Congress to give them MORE money for new bomb factories and bombs. On Wednesday, March 21, people all across America will have an opportunity to raise their voices together to tell the nuclear weapons makers "NO."

I'm Marylia Kelley with **Tri-Valley CAREs**, and I invite you to be one of those voices. Here is why -

The U.S. Department of Energy, the agency that builds and maintains nuclear bombs, has just requested that Congress give them \$7.6 billion for nuclear weapons activities in the coming year. Further, this is part of a larger plan to spend more than \$85 billion in the next ten years to build new bomb plants and produce "enhanced" nuclear weapons. (That's the actual word they use in the budget request.)

Key congressional committees are holding hearings right now and will soon begin deciding how much money to give nuclear weapons programs in fiscal year 2013.

On March 21, your Tri-Valley CAREs team will join nearly 100 activists from a dozen different states. We will be in the halls of Congress asking Senators and Representatives to cut the nuclear weapons budget. This is part of a grueling work week for these activists.

Your phone call or email to your members of Congress on March 21, the National Day of Action to Stop Funding for Nuclear Bombs, will lift and amplify the voices of those who are conducting meetings with Congress. And, their advocacy will add power to your message as well.

Call your Senators and your Representative through the capitol switchboard at **(202) 224-3121**. Or, check the web for their email addresses if you prefer to write.

### **More information can be obtained from:**

- Tri-Valley CAREs: [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org)
- Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Free World: [www.nuclearweaponsfree.org](http://www.nuclearweaponsfree.org)
- Alliance for Nuclear Accountability: [www.ananuclear.org](http://www.ananuclear.org)
- Womens Action for New Directions: [www.wand.org](http://www.wand.org)

Your voice is truly needed now to stop the funding for nuclear weapons. Your message can be as simple and short (or long) as you like. Just a single sentence is fine - **cut the nuclear weapons budget.**

The most important thing is to deliver your message on Wednesday, March 21.

Again, the capitol switchboard is **(202) 224-3121**.

**Thank you for all you do to make this a better and more peaceful world.**

## Here are some talking points Use these or add your own

**1.** The Department of Energy fiscal year 2013 budget request of \$7.6 billion for nuclear weapons activities is \$363 million more than Congress gave them in 2012. At the very least, Congress should NOT INCREASE the nuclear weapons budget. Instead, Congress should sharpen its budget ax and cut it!

**2.** For example, the nuclear weapons budget request for fiscal year 2013 includes \$340 million to design a new bomb factory for uranium H-bomb components in Tennessee. That funding should be cut.

**3.** Here's another example. The budget requests nearly \$400 million to begin creating a new "Frankenbomb" called the B61-12 by mixing and matching parts from up to 4 other versions of the B61 bomb. The B61-12 Frankenbomb will be a tactical nuclear bomb (and hence more "usable") and deployed in NATO countries. Funding should be cut.

**4.** Here's a third example. The budget requests more than \$600 million to jump start a Department of Energy program to add plutonium to uranium fuel rods for use in U.S. nuclear power plants, although no company has signed up to take this mixed oxide (MOX) plutonium fuel. Within that funding, an experimental MOX factory is being built in South Carolina. This program should be cut.

There are **many harmful programs** that should be cut. Use any of these examples, or use your own. Also, feel free to tell Congress what they could fund instead of nuclear bombs and bomb plants.