

## No More Bombs



### Information and Advocacy for Nuclear Disarmament

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Greetings Everyone,

Hiroshima and Nagasaki. That's all I can think about this month. August 6 is the 74th anniversary of the first attack by atomic bomb, on a population of civilians. Our nation committed this atrocity, and 3 days later, repeated the crime on another Japanese city. This was the final act of what has been called the Just War. We must not forget these events, we must strive to learn from them, and work tirelessly to prevent their repetition. Thanks for reading.

Peace and Love, tracy

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**I want to encourage you all to read two important books, [Hiroshima](#), by John Hersey, 1946, and [Nagasaki](#), by Susan Southard, 2015. Both of these books are personal stories of hibakusha, survivors of the two bombings. While Hersey interviewed the Hiroshima survivors directly after the attack, Southard's subjects were reliving the Nagasaki experience decades later. The two narratives are complementary, and both provide human context and perspective on horrific life shattering events of which today's Americans have no experience or even the vaguest comprehension. If you want to borrow a copy of either, or both, I have them. Please ask. If you want to buy them and pass them on to friends after reading them, even better. Both are widely available, [Hiroshima](#) in many used book venues. Most libraries also have them.**

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**This year's annual Hiroshima remembrance ceremony [Hiroshima to Hope](#) is again at Green Lake Park in Seattle, Tuesday August 6, beginning at 6 PM. I regret being unable to attend this year, but hope we can develop something local for next year. If you can make it, it is a powerfully moving experience.**



The news media are full of **election chatter** these days, and it is clear from the first two rounds of Democrat presidential primary debates that nuclear war is not a high priority topic for any of them. Most likely that is because they and their funding sources have not yet noticed any substantial interest in the subject expressed by us, the electorate. Perhaps, in addition to wondering where they stand on the existential issues, we need to let them know where we stand, to improve our messaging, and demonstrate the breadth of public support for things like No First Use, and Reauthorizing New START. We have a rare opportunity to share our views with Congress right now, the August Recess. Supposedly, Senators and Representatives are home in their districts, and eager to hear from us in person. While ours are not running for president, they are still in positions of influence, and this chance to communicate with them happens rarely.

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Peace Quote:

**"We must teach an elemental truth: that status and prestige belong not to those who possess nuclear weapons, but to those who reject them."**

Ban Ki-moon, 8th United Nations Secretary-General

