

Sample Constituent Email to Local/State Officials

Subject Line: Please speak out on Hiroshima/Nagasaki anniversaries

Dear [INSERT TITLE AND LAST NAME OF OFFICIAL YOU ARE CONTACTING]

My name is [INSERT YOUR NAME]. I'm a constituent and live [INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE].

I am gravely concerned about the growing threat of nuclear war which today many experts say is greater than it's been since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. As you know, there are two major wars underway involving nuclear-armed states. The United States is in the midst of a massive effort to rebuild its entire nuclear arsenal of bombs, missiles, bombers and submarines projected to cost over \$1.5 trillion. This is helping fuel a costly, dangerous global nuclear arms race that could lead to nuclear catastrophe and threatens our community and humanity's very existence.

I write asking you to speak out and use your voice to advocate for policies to help prevent nuclear war and to honor all who have and continue to be harmed by nuclear weapons. This summer is the 79th anniversary of the Trinity test (July 16, 1945) that launched the atomic age and the August 6th and 9th U.S. atomic bombings that killed and injured hundreds of thousands in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In conjunction with these anniversaries I hope you will consider publicly issuing a statement or proclamation to bring attention to the issue, to honor the victims and join other elected officials and communities around the country who are speaking out.

Please find here a sample proclamation drafted by [Back from the Brink \(BftB\): Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons](#), a national grassroots coalition of 465 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations. Over [80 U.S. municipalities, counties and states](#) have adopted resolutions supporting Back from the Brink's policy solutions.

[INSERT TITLE AND LAST NAME] - nuclear war would be catastrophic for our community and all of humanity. It threatens all of us. The Back from the Brink campaign is asking local and state elected officials such as yourself to speak out and together send a clear, compelling message to Washington—Nuclear weapons ARE a local issue. Our voices matter and need to be heard and heeded.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this request with you or your staff and to further explain why this is so important. I can be reached at [INSERT YOUR PHONE OR EMAIL ADDRESS]. I also encourage you or your staff to reach out to Sean Meyer - sean@preventnuclearwar.org with any questions or suggestions and to discuss other ways in which you might get involved.

I look forward to hearing from you.