

# Working with Members of Congress

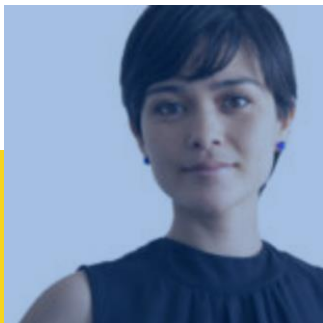
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# PANELISTS

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# FINDING YOUR REPRESENTATIVE & SENATORS

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## Find your Representative

Go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and enter your zip code.

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## Find your Senator

Go to <https://www.senate.gov/> and use the pull down menu on the top left of the screen

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## Look for their support on legislation

See if their names are listed as cosponsors on the following legislation





# LEGISLATION

## Renouncing First Use



To establish the policy of the United States regarding the no-first-use of nuclear weapons

## End Sole Authority



Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2021

## Cancel Enhanced Weapons



Investing in Cures Before Missiles Act of 2021

## Pursue Global Elimination



Embracing the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



# NO FIRST USE

## LEGISLATION

Establish No-First-Use of  
Nuclear Weapons Act

## BILL NUMBER(S)

H.R. 921 S.  
272

## CHAMPIONS

Rep. Smith  
Sen. Warren

## COSPONSORS

House: 52  
Senate: 7





# PRESIDENTIAL SOLE AUTHORITY

## LEGISLATION

Restricting First Use of  
Nuclear Weapons Act

## BILL NUMBER(S)

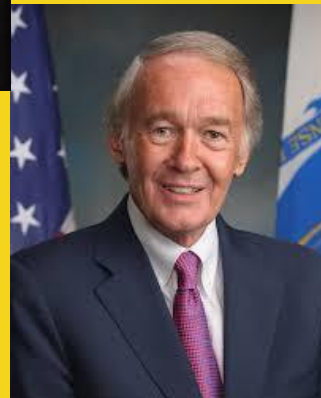
H.R. 669 S.  
200

## CHAMPIONS

Rep. Lieu Sen.  
Markey

## COSPONSORS

House: 62 Senate:  
13





# CANCEL ENHANCED WEAPONS

## LEGISLATION

Investing in Cures  
Before Missiles Act

## BILL NUMBER(S)

N/A (Emerging  
Legislation)

## CHAMPIONS

Rep. Khanna      Sen.  
Markey

## COSPONSORS

N/A (Emerging  
Legislation)





# PURSUE GLOBAL ELIMINATION

## LEGISLATION

Embracing the goals and provisions of the TPNW

## BILL NUMBER(S)

H. Res 302

## CHAMPIONS

Rep. McGovern

## COSPONSORS

House: 9

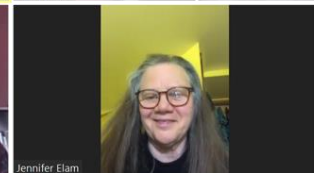
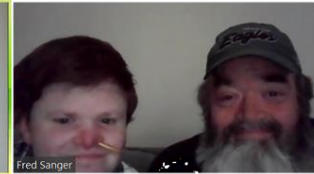




# LOBBYING CONGRESS VIRTUALLY

**“Senator, you have to unmute.”**

- Virtually gather friends and allies.
- Email and call the scheduler in your local congressional office to request a lobby visit by telephone or video conference.
- Make a Road Map for the virtual lobby visit and assign roles.
- Follow-up via email.





# LOBBYING TIPS



## **Make the issue personal & local**

How does your unique story & community impact your thinking on nuclear weapons issues?



## **Build relationships with the office**

Don't stop the conversation after one meeting.



## **Diverse perspectives show widespread consensus**

When activists reflect a wide array of perspectives in their district & state, members listen.



## **Connect the dots to related issues**

How do nuclear weapons connects to other issues you care about?



# EXAMPLE OF SUCCESS



## Date of meeting

74th anniversary of the attacks on Hiroshima & Nagasaki

## Local Resolution

The activists had previously passed a city council resolution in Rep. Schiff's district

## Variety of perspectives

The group included veteran, health professional and student organizers

# Questions?

North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the "Nuclear Button is on desk at all times."

Will someone from his depleted and starving regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!

-Donald Trump, 1/2/2018

## Fact Sheet: Restricting F

### The Problem

- Under existing law, the President has unilateral authority to launch a nuclear attack.

### The Solution

- S. 288 addresses this danger by restricting the President's authority to launch a nuclear attack.
- An improved nuclear attack would require the United States to receive approval, safeguarding the interests of the American people.
- Such congressional authority flows in the best of the U.S. Constitution, which provides Congress with the power to regulate the Executive Branch.
- Congressional Oversight
- S. 288 does not restrict the President's authority to respond to nuclear attacks on the United States, U.S. territories, or possessions.
- Nuclear weapons are used for deterrence, not warfighting.
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# Practice

- **Tell us why nuclear weapons issues matter to you**
- **Make it personal & local**
- **Link nuclear weapons to other issues you care about**