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Dear Friend of Nukewatch,

“If only you had the funds that the Pentagon and State Department have... But your nonviolent slingshot may yet overcome the Goliath that is ravishing our planet.”

We appreciate this pragmatic encouragement Nukewatch supporters Hazel and Bill sent along with their donation a while back. Between Obama’s proposed \$1 trillion in new nuclear weapons spending, the United States’ outrageous military budget—\$768 billion in FY 2017—and the industry-sponsored Nuclear Energy Institute lobby group pulling in a healthy \$52 million annually, those of us working to put an end to the deadly and destructive nuclear age have our work cut out for us.

Really, it doesn’t take much to keep our education and resistance efforts going—we’re way more efficient than the federal government. Heck, we survive on a tiny fraction of the amount the Pentagon misplaces every year (see “About \$8.5 Trillion Unaccounted for in Military Budget,” Fall 2015 Quarterly). But we rely exclusively on you, our individual donors, for the funding it takes to pay our printing costs, maintain our small office, and provide modest compensation to our three staff members.

We need your help now more than ever. Will you send a donation today to keep this vital work going?

We’ve tightened our belts as much as we can, but we still don’t have the funds to pay for the program work we see as necessary to keeping up the fight against increasing proliferation of nuclear materials—especially the frightening new nuclear weapons systems Obama has proposed. **The decision as to how strongly we can oppose these new nuclear dangers now rests with you.**

Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Make a contribution now!** Use the enclosed envelope to mail a check or click the PayPal link on our website, nukewatchinfo.org. Consider setting up an automatic monthly PayPal contribution to help with our budgeting and yours.
- **Purchase a copy of our *Revised Edition of Nuclear Heartland: A Guide to the 450 Land-based Missiles of the United States*.** (Order at nukewatchinfo.org or contact the office.) Even if you already ordered a book for yourself, please consider getting a copy for your local public library, college library, or infoshop. If you’re part of a peace and justice or a faith-based group, think about supporting Nukewatch by getting one for them or asking your organization to purchase a copy. If you order 10 or more, you get the bookstore discount and can use them for fund-raisers!
- **Name The Progressive Foundation (our official 501(c)(3) parent organization) as a beneficiary on your retirement account or IRA.** You can specify a dollar amount or a percentage, and the benefits to Nukewatch are tax-free. **You can also designate a bequest to Nukewatch in your will or trust.** These kinds of planned gifts made by individuals like you have kept our doors open in the past and will help sustain our work for the long haul.

If you take action now, our “nonviolent slingshot” just may prevail.

Your support will enable us to keep making a difference. In March and April, Nukewatch co-director John LaForge went on a book promotion tour, speaking at colleges, churches, senior centers, and community centers from Wisconsin, to Ohio, to D.C., New York, Maryland and Massachusetts. Besides boosting awareness and sales of the new edition of *Nuclear Heartland*, the tour helped bring attention to the dangers posed by maintaining land-based missiles. John’s talk draws particular attention to increasingly frequent calls from authoritative experts to get rid of the missile system completely.

Your contribution will help us keep spreading the word to citizens across the United States about the urgent need to eliminate these highly volatile, aging Minuteman missiles—not replace them with the proposed fleet of brand new, long-range, nuclear-armed rockets.

Beyond editing and reporting on nuclear issues we publish in the *Quarterly*, John is a regular contributor to CounterPunch and PeaceVoice, working hard to raise public awareness of the dangers of nuclear weapons, power, and waste. (See, “Nuclear Power: Dead in the Water it Poisoned,” and “The Mad Bombers: Fear and Nukes on the Campaign Trail” in CounterPunch.) On May 9, the Duluth *Reader* published a long attack piece by a nuclear industry booster who wrote that Nukewatch is “sinister-sounding,” and that John is a “real terrorist”—for criticizing nuclear power. We know we’re doing something right when the nuclear lobby gets irked enough to launch loony personal attacks and tirades against disarmament and safe, renewable power.

Your financial support will help us strengthen our work in this ongoing conversation, diminishing the prospect of industry success in reviving poison power. When it comes to the value of our efforts, you don’t have to take our just word for it (or Hazel and Bill’s, for that matter). Here are a few more comments from supporters like you who keep our spirits high:

Mary Rita writes, “Just a note to laud your in-depth coverage in the Quarterly. Wow! What a gold mine of information! Do you find time to sleep & eat?”

Zane and Gloria say, “We applaud your work! Nukewatch provides valuable information that is hard to find anywhere else in the mainstream media.”

Terrence writes, “The news is depressing, but your coverage and tenacity radiate hope.”

Gil and Kim say, “You’re one of my favorite groups... Seems to me you folks walk the talk as well or better than anyone else out there, continually ‘crossing the line’ in the best Sam Day sense.”

Please don’t wait—help Nukewatch work for a nuclear-free future by sending a contribution today.

In Peace,



Arianne Peterson, for Nukewatch

P.S. Remember, you can help sustain our work for the long term by making Nukewatch the beneficiary of a tax-deductible bequest or setting up a monthly pledge at nukewatchinfo.org. Thanks!