118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION
H. R. ______

To direct the United States to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and convert nuclear weapons industry resources and personnel to purposes relating to addressing the climate crisis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

A BILL

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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Weapons Abol-
5 lition and Conversion Act of 2023”.

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tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SEC. 2. UNITED STATES ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

AND CONVERSION OF RESOURCES TO ENERGY AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should provide leadership by—

(1) signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

(2) ratifying such treaty when it is clear that ratification will result in—

(A) the dismantlement and elimination of all nuclear weapons in every country; and

(B) strict and effective international control of such dismantlement and elimination.

(b) REDIRECTION OF RESOURCES.—Beginning on the date on which the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun the verifiable and irreversible elimination of such weapons under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the United States shall redirect resources that are being used for nuclear weapons programs to be used for—

(1) purposes related to addressing the climate crisis, including through the development and deployment of clean, renewable energy sources, by converting all nuclear weapons industry processes,
plants, and programs for such purposes and by re-
training nuclear industry employees; and
(2) addressing human and infrastructure needs,
such as health care, housing, education, agriculture,
and environmental restoration, including long-term
radioactive waste monitoring; and
(3) actively promote policies to induce all other
countries to join in the commitments referred to in
paragraphs (1) and (2) to create a more peaceful
and secure world.