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### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Barbara A. L'Italien

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions relative to preventing nuclear war.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/2/2018
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	2/6/2018
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/6/2018
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/8/2018
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	2/8/2018
Natalie Higgins	4th Worcester	2/16/2018
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth	2/16/2018
Carmine L. Gentile	13th Middlesex	2/16/2018
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	3/1/2018
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	6/11/2018

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By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by resolutions) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara A. L'Italien for the adoption of resolutions relative to preventing nuclear war. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

Resolutions relative to preventing nuclear war.

- WHEREAS the President currently has the sole authority to launch a nuclear attack
  without any required consultation or any system of check and balances; and
- WHEREAS the first use of nuclear weapons against any other nuclear-armed nation would result in retaliation and invite the near total destruction of, Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS a single nuclear detonation in Massachusetts would cause immense numbers of fatalities and injuries; and
- WHEREAS the citizens of Massachusetts have the right to live a life free from the threat

  of the reckless use of nuclear weapons; and
- WHEREAS use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have catastrophic human, environmental and economic consequences globally impacting everyone on the planet,

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12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS
13	that our congressional representatives should take all necessary steps to establish a system of
14	check and balances with regard to the first use of nuclear weapons and to ensure that the
15	President shall no longer have the sole and unchecked authority to launch nuclear weapons,
16	except in circumstances of retaliation.