

SENATE No.

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

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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 Massachusetts

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

Resolutions relative to preventing nuclear war.

1 WHEREAS the President currently has the sole authority to launch a nuclear attack
2 without any required consultation or any system of check and balances; and

3 WHEREAS the first use of nuclear weapons against any other nuclear-armed nation
4 would result in retaliation and invite the near total destruction of, Massachusetts; and

5 WHEREAS a single nuclear detonation in Massachusetts would cause immense numbers
6 of fatalities and injuries; and

7 WHEREAS the citizens of Massachusetts have the right to live a life free from the threat
8 of the reckless use of nuclear weapons; and

9 WHEREAS use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have
10 catastrophic human, environmental and economic consequences globally – impacting everyone
11 on the planet,

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.