

RESISTANCE RECESS: STOPPING TRUMP'S GATEWAY NUKES

SAMPLE TOWNHALL QUESTIONS

- The American people oppose the U.S. initiating a nuclear war and are worried about Trump's ability to launch nuclear weapons. What are you doing to prevent nuclear proliferation and stop Trump from getting his new "low-yield" nuclear warhead?
- What are you doing to ensure that language that blocks funding for the production and deployment of new "low-yield" nuclear weapons is included in the final version of the NDAA?

SUMMARY

The Trump administration is pushing for a dangerous new nuclear weapon called the "low-yield" warhead, which some war hawks actually think is more "usable." These weapons would put easy-fire nuclear weapons at Trump's fingertips, further fuel the worsening nuclear arms race, and put us closer to the brink of nuclear war.

Trump administration officials want this new nuclear weapon precisely because they think they could use it in a war and get away with it. And right now, the Pentagon is manufacturing these nukes but they don't yet have money to deploy them for use. We need to slam the brakes now — *before* they start rolling off the production line.

Thankfully, Congress recognized this danger and included a <u>provision in the House-passed NDAA</u> that would prohibit funding to further produce and deploy these weapons. The Senate bill does not have the same provision, which means that there is no guarantee that this funding prohibition stays in the final version of the NDAA and becomes law. This recess, you have a chance to make sure your Representative and Senators do everything they can to stop these weapons from becoming a reality.

MESSAGING POINTS

Deploying new "low-yield" nuclear weapons puts the U.S. on a dangerous path to a nuclear arms race and uncontrollable nuclear war.

- The U.S. has no strategic need for these new "low-yield" nuclear warheads.
- If one of these weapons were used in a war, there is a high risk that it could cause an uncontrollable escalation that could result in all-out nuclear war and catastrophe, threatening life as we know it.

Congress must keep dangerous "low-yield" nuclear weapons out of Trump's hands and safeguard the global community.

- Although the House <u>voted</u> to prohibit funding for "low-yield" nuclear weapons, the Senate version
 of the NDAA has no such provision, meaning that the final version of the bill could still fund the
 deployment of these dangerous weapons.
- Opposing funding for these weapons that undermine global security will make the American people more safe.

The American people are scared of the ever-growing threat of nuclear war.

• Polling indicates that more than half of Americans do not trust Donald Trump with the nuclear arsenal and are at least somewhat concerned that he might launch a nuclear attack.

•	It is up to Congress to ensure to the American people that it will not reward the President's reckless affinity for nuclear weapons with more at his disposal.