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Dear Peggy Mason,

Thank you for your email regarding the abolishment of nuclear weapons. We believe a comprehensive nuclear weapons convention should be a top priority for Canada.

New Democrats share your concerns. We have been consistent in our support for nuclear disarmament and believe that the Liberal government needs to take a strong stance against nuclear proliferation. As you may know, last year the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the Doomsday Clock two minutes closer to midnight. The Doomsday Clock indicates how close humanity is to catastrophic destruction by monitoring the ways in which humanity can be destroyed. The clock's primary indicator is nuclear weapons. The clock is now at three minutes to midnight—which stands for destruction. It is evident that nuclear arms continue to pose a significant threat to global security and this threat is becoming more urgent. It is time for the Liberal government to take action.

Back in December of 2010, New Democrats arranged all party support for a motion calling on the government to take the lead against nuclear proliferation and increased nuclear disarmament. Despite unanimous support from all political stripes, the Harper government failed to show any leadership on this file. Thus far, the Liberals have also dropped the ball.

We take this matter seriously. That is why NDP MP Linda Duncan currently Co-Chairs Canada's chapter of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND). Please be assured that we will push the Liberal government to show international leadership on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Again, thank you for getting in touch.

Sincerely,

Tom Mulcair  
Leader, Canada's New Democrats