Dear Alder \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

The two major threats to survival of humans and other animal species on this planet are climate warming and nuclear war.

Climate change is a world conflict multiplier. And with conflict comes the possibility of war between two nuclear weapon armed states. Witness the escalating conflict between India and Pakistan over control of the rivers in Kashmir.

We now have 15,000 nuclear weapons worldwide, spread among 9 nuclear states. There have been numerous accidents involving near-detonation of nuclear bombs and several instances in which Russia or the US mistakenly thought it was under nuclear attack. Cyber terrorism and attempts by terrorist groups to gain control of a nuclear bomb further increase the risk of a nuclear attack.

In 1983, the Madison City Council passed an ordinance declaring the city a “nuclear free zone”. We are asking the City to build on this ordinance by passing a "Back from the Brink" resolution that endorses the 2017 United Nations Ban on Nuclear Weapons and urges the US to take 4 immediate steps to make the world safer.

The resolution also commits the city to nuclear-free contracts and investments. Our City has a socially responsible investment policy in place that limits investment in fossil fuel companies. We are asking the City do the same regarding nuclear weapons.

Your colleague Alder Marsha Rummel is currently working on a draft of the resolution. Please let her know you support such a resolution. A copy of the “Back from the Brink” document and Background Info is included.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

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