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The Honorable Chief Judge and Circuit Judges
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
95 Seventh Street
San Francisco, California 94103-1526

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Dear Honorable Chief Judge and Circuit Judges,

**RE: The Republic of the Marshall Islands v. The United States of America, et al.,
Ninth Circuit Case No. 15-15636 / Amicus Curiae Letter in Support of the Republic
of the Marshall Islands Requesting a Reversal of the Judgment on Appeal**

On July 20, 2015, Physicians for Social Responsibility, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and Pax Christi International filed an amicus brief in support of the Appellant with the consent of all of the parties.

Pursuant to the Ninth Circuit Advisory Committee Note to Ninth Circuit Rule 29-1, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) hereby joins in the arguments and factual statements made in the above-referenced action.

CND was established in 1958 to campaign non-violently to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create genuine security for future generations. It is today one of Europe's biggest single-issue peace campaigns, with over 35,000 members in the UK. CND continues to work on securing nuclear disarmament in the UK and all nuclear-armed countries.

As argued in the indicated brief, nuclear weapons states are not adhering to their obligations as signatories to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The US for example is modernising its arsenal, while the British government wants to build new submarines for its Trident system. CND agrees with Pax Christi in supporting total nuclear disarmament, not least because of one of the effects described in the brief. Nuclear detonations would alter the world's climate and potentially cause



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widespread famine, resulting in even more casualties than the millions which would be indiscriminately killed by the bomb blasts.

The brief highlights the District Court's failure to appreciate the risk of nuclear war. The current rise in international tensions between nuclear armed states has increased the risk of a nuclear confrontation and this risk will always be present as long as nuclear weapons exist. Our insistence on possession increases the danger of proliferation as well as escalating international disputes.

In light of the information presented, CND urges this Court to reverse the decision of the District Court to dismiss the case.

Best wishes,

Kate Hudson
General Secretary