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Dear Nobel Committee Members,

I am writing to nominate Dr. David Krieger, co-founder and President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF), jointly with NAPF, for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Krieger has been working to rid the world of nuclear weapons ever since his first visit to the city of Hiroshima. He was twenty-one years old, idealistic, impressionable and full of hope for a peaceful world. It was a visit that would forever shape the course of his life.

The year was 1963. While visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he saw images of innocent men, women and children, slaughtered indiscriminately, many burned alive. These images portrayed an unthinkable past and bore testimony to an intolerable future that would never leave him. From that day forward, Dr. Krieger has devoted his life to seeking the abolition of nuclear weapons and avoiding, at all costs, the tragedy of nuclear war.

In his early career, Dr. Krieger worked with two important think tanks: The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (CSDI) and the Foundation for Reshaping International Order (RIO). At the CSDI, he worked on developing a World Disarmament Community. At the RIO Foundation, he led an international project studying dual-purpose technologies and their relationship to disarmament, development and the environment.

He went on to co-found the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in 1982 with the belief that peace is an imperative of the Nuclear Age. For thirty-four years, Dr. Krieger has focused on turning the *vision* of a nuclear weapons-free world into a *reality*. He has done so with humility, compassion and unwavering perseverance.

Today, NAPF has grown to over 70,000 members. The Foundation has consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is recognized by the U.N. as a Peace Messenger Organization. It has a world-renowned Advisory Council that has, over the years, included many Nobel Laureates. Currently there are five Advisors who are Nobel Laureates: Archbishop Desmond Tutu; His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama; Shirin Ebadi; Mairead Corrigan Maguire; and John Polanyi.

Dr. Krieger and NAPF work with many organizations throughout the world whose goals include not only the elimination of nuclear weapons, but also the fostering of the global rule of law. In 2014, these two objectives came together when the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with NAPF as its consultant, filed the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits, landmark cases brought against the nine nuclear-armed states in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and in U.S. Federal District Court.

In its role as consultant, NAPF continues to strategize and organize, giving its full support to the RMI in these unprecedented efforts that call upon the nine nuclear-armed nations to fulfill their legal and moral obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and customary international law, to begin negotiations in good faith for Nuclear Zero. It is a bold and courageous initiative from this small island nation that has taken this stand not for compensation, but so that no one else in the world will ever suffer nuclear devastation as they have.

NAPF has built a significant consortium of nearly 100 civil society organizations supporting the Marshallese and the lawsuits. Six individual Nobel Laureates have officially given their support: Oscar Arias, Shirin Ebadi; Adolfo Perez Esquivel; Mairead Corrigan Maguire; Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Jody Williams. Just recently, RMI Foreign Minister, Tony de Brum, and the people of the Marshall Islands, were honored with the 2015 Right Livelihood award “in recognition of their vision and courage to take legal action against the nuclear powers for failing to honor their disarmament obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.”

Under Dr. Krieger’s guidance, NAPF’s Peace Leadership Program has grown into a recognized international program for peace. Directed by Paul K. Chappell, a West Point graduate, former U.S. Army Captain and Iraq war veteran, peace leaders are given the tools and training needed to lead in effecting positive social change in order to achieve peace. During 2015, this program inspired more than 5000 people.

Critical to the cause of nuclear abolition is the education and involvement of the next generation. NAPF’s vital Internship Program exposes young people to the fields of peace and security, non-profit management, and careers with conscience. Interns gain hands-on experience working with a non-profit educational and advocacy organization. Many find they have tools and technological skills that foster important global interconnectedness in the arena of nuclear abolition. Countless interns learn from their time at NAPF that their path in life will involve making the world a more peaceful place.

While NAPF is the heart of Dr. Krieger’s work, he has also championed peace and nuclear disarmament in many other organizations. He is a co-founder of Abolition 2000 and a principal drafter of Abolition 2000’s Founding Statement. He is a founder of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES) and has served as the Chair of its Executive Committee. He is a founder of the Middle Powers Initiative and has served as the Chair of its Executive Committee. He is a Councilor on the World Future Council and serves as Co-Chair of its Peace and Disarmament Commission.

Dr. Krieger has authored and edited more than twenty books and hundreds of articles on peace, justice and nuclear weapon abolition. He is also an accomplished poet for peace and justice. And he continues to travel the world, inspiring the next generation of peace leaders to take up the mantle for achieving Nuclear Zero.

It is for Dr. Krieger’s unswerving devotion to the cause of nuclear abolition, and for its many manifestations in the work of the Foundation, that I respectfully nominate Dr. David Krieger and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, jointly, for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. Because of their impact on a world threatened by the corrupting power of nuclear weapons, they are worthy candidates for this coveted and cherished prize. Together they represent an enduring hope for Nuclear Zero, perhaps the most urgent cause of our time, if we are to continue what we know as life on Earth.

Sincerely,



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