

Tell Congress to Hold the LYNE

Stop Trump's "More Usable" Warheads

The Trump Administration is pushing ahead with the development of a new, dangerous and more usable nuclear warhead. **With your help, we can stop it!**



As described in the President's Nuclear Posture Review and fiscal 2019 budget, the new nuke will be a submarine-launched "low yield" variant to sit atop Trident D5 missiles. According to Trump it will make a U.S. strike more "credible." In actuality, it lowers the threshold for nuclear use and makes nuclear war more likely.

Representatives Adam Smith (D-WA), Ted Lieu (D-CA), John Garamendi (D-CA), and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), along with Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), have responded by introducing a bicameral bill, the Hold the LYNE – Low Yield Nuclear Explosive – Act. This crucial piece of legislation would prohibit any funds from being used for the research, development, production or deployment of this new warhead.

Here is where you come in. Together we will "Hold the LYNE" by increasing the number of co-sponsors on the bill in the House of Representatives. Your immediate phone calls, emails and letters are needed to accomplish this. Further, your member of Congress will probably hold "town halls" and other meetings in your community - you can attend and publicly request his/her co-sponsorship.

The bill's title is H.R. 6840, the Hold the LYNE Act. Here are three ways you can support this crucial legislation and prevent nuclear war before it starts:

1. Make a phone call to your member of Congress. If you already have a relationship with a particular staff person, call that person. Or, you can use the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Here is a sample script:

"Hello. My name is xxx, and I am a constituent from (be sure to say your city). I'm calling to urge Rep. xxx to **co-sponsor H.R. 6840**, the Hold the LYNE Act to prohibit funding for a dangerous, low yield, submarine-launched warhead that will reduce the threshold for nuclear use and make nuclear war more likely. This issue is very important to me. I would like to be kept informed about whether Rep. xxx becomes a co-sponsor. Thank you."

2. Send an email or letter to your member of Congress. You can email a staff person you know. Or, go to your Representative's website. Each office has instructions for writing a letter. Postal mail takes longer, so email if you can. You may use the same script as above, or write something like this:

"Dear Rep. xxx: I write as a constituent to ask you to **co-sponsor H.R. 6840**, the Hold the LYNE Act. This is a crucial piece of legislation that will prohibit the research, development, production or deployment of a new, low-yield, submarine-launched nuclear warhead that will sit atop Trident D5 missiles. This warhead would lower the threshold for nuclear use and make an all-out nuclear exchange more likely. As the only country to have used these horrific weapons in war, the United States should be leading the world toward their elimination, not developing new variants that make future nuclear use more likely. Please add your name to H.R. 6840, the Hold the LYNE Act, today. And, keep me informed of your decision. Sincerely, (Your name, address, email)."

3. Attend a public "town hall" or other event with your member of Congress. First, get called on. Then, brevity will be key. Be prepared with a short clear message. State your name and that you are a constituent from (say your city). Say you would like to ask him/her to co-sponsor the H.R. 6840, the Hold the LYNE Act, to prohibit a new low-yield submarine-launched nuclear warhead. Say this issue is important to you. Be sure to give your contact information to the staff person and say you would like to be kept informed.

Note: You can print a copy of H.R. 6840, and also see who has cosponsored so far at www.congress.gov - If your member of Congress is already on the bill, call to say "thank you."