

July 23, 2009.
President Barack Obama,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

Dear President Obama:

We believe that when the START treaty is submitted, you should also submit a plan, including a funding estimate for FY11 (and out years across the next decade), to enhance the safety, security and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile, to modernize the nuclear weapons complex (i.e. improve the safety of facilities, modernize the infrastructure, maintain the key capabilities and competencies of the nuclear weapons workforce — the designers and the technicians), and to maintain the delivery platforms.

Sincerely,

Jon Kyl, U.S. Senator.
John McCain, U.S. Senator.
Richard Lugar, U.S. Senator.
Carl Levin, U.S. Senator.
John Kerry, U.S. Senator.
Robert C. Byrd, U.S. Senator.