

Esteemed elected representatives:

Below is testimony in support of Senate Joint Memorial 5, and broader nuclear weapons abolition, from long-time anti-nuclear activist Carol Urner, who is mentioned in the joint memorial. Thank you for your consideration. Peace!

TESTIMONY BEGINS BELOW:

I want to add my voice to those of other Oregonians calling on our Oregon legislature to support the treaty banning nuclear weapons.

My husband, Jack Urner, began his career as a regional planner here in the Portland area. After eight years we left Oregon to live and work in poor countries of the world assisting them in building successful democracies.

After his death I have returned to Portland. I continue to work for nuclear weapons abolition as he and I always did. I helped (in small ways) to develop this treaty at the United Nations and am proud to see my fellow Oregonians embracing it. I am now in my ninetieth year and live here with my son at 3745 Harrison Street in Portland.

May Portland continue to be a "little Beirut", as in the words of our first President Bush. I think the world needs more cities like our Portland if humanity is to survive.

Carol Urner

TESTIMONY ENDS

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