Dear Member of Parliament,

I am a member of NAME Presbyterian Church in PLACE.

I’m writing to express my concern about the lack of global progress toward reducing nuclear weapons and to ask you to support that Canada sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Setsuko Thurlow was thirteen when an atomic bomb dropped on her hometown of Hiroshima. Ms. Thurlow has spent her life advocating against nuclear weapons. Now a Canadian, she received the Order of Canada for her work in 2006 and accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 on behalf of International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). In her Nobel Lecture she gave this clear message: “humanity and nuclear weapons cannot coexist.”

I agree with Ms. Thurlow: humanity and nuclear weapons cannot coexist. For nuclear war to break out, deterrence or failsafe mechanisms need to break down only once. ICAN and other peace-building groups, including the Canadian Council of Churches’ Project Ploughshares, and my denomination, The Presbyterian Church in Canada support the Ban Treaty.

This is an opportunity to show global leadership. Will you express your support for Canada to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[your name here]