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Bill Shorten MP
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Mr. Shorten

Re: The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

I am writing to congratulate you and the Australian Labor Party on your recent commitment to signing and ratifying the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons should you achieve government. The Treaty, and the goal of eliminating Nuclear weapons, are supported by many people around the world and in Australia. As President of the Council of Australian Humanist Societies I want to let you know of the support amongst humanists for the treaty, and that your efforts to bring the treaty to fruition have been noticed with respect and support. I look forward to the ALP carrying out this policy in its next term of Government.

Humanism is a philosophy of life which is based on human sourced values, such as love and compassion, rather than relying on the supernatural as a source of values. As religion continues its general decline in Australia more and more people will turn to humanistic ideas for inspiration and a guide to values. Humanists around the world support making a better world by reducing unnecessary conflict, suffering and warfare. A world without nuclear weapons will be a step forward not just for humanity, but for the Earth and all who dwell upon it.

Supporting the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is the right policy for Australia and the world. I wish you all the best in putting this policy into action as soon as possible.

Regards



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