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I wish to testify in SUPPORT of this resolution.

As I sat in Quaker Meeting Sunday, I was reflecting on how rare and precious life is. Astronomers have estimated that our galaxy, the Milky Way, is made up of approximately 100 billion stars. Many of those stars are orbited by planets. And our galaxy is just one of between 100 & 200 billion galaxies in the observable universe. Yet ours is the only planet we know of with life, supposedly intelligent life, on it. Think about it; think how rare life is. We have a sacred obligation do all we can to protect it.

But instead of all humankind working together to confront the existential challenges to life on our planet, we flirt with weapons that could obliterate it in moment. It is time to pull back from the brink. Rhode Islanders must call on Congress to support the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons so the U.S. can lead the way for all nations to forswear the stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,  
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