



# State of Rhode Island

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID MORALES, *District 7*  
*Committee on Municipal Government and Housing*  
*Committee on Innovation, Internet and Technology*  
*Member, RI Black and Latino Caucus*

Thursday, February 6th 2024

### **RE: Support of House Resolution #7329**

Chairman Shanley and Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

As a co-sponsor and legislator who represents constituents advocating for international peace, I write in strong support of House Resolution #7329 which would urge the US Federal Government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). For context, the TPNW has already been signed on by 50 countries and adopted by the United Nations.

By signing and ratifying this treaty, countries are prohibited from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, or stockpiling nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Furthermore, they are barred from transferring or receiving nuclear weapons and other nuclear devices. Given that the US is one of nearly a dozen countries with the possession of nuclear weapons; the signing of this treaty would be a major step for preventing nuclear war and ensuring that other armed countries sign on.

For clarity, the US signing on to this treaty would not result in unilateral disarmament (in other words, signing this treaty would not mean that we as a country would immediately disarm our nuclear arms while other countries continue to possess nuclear arms). *Signing the TPNW would signify to other nuclear armed countries that we are ready to disarm because we choose peace over war, life over death, and humanity over inhumanity.*

As we reflect on the suffering and mass casualties happening across Palestine and Israel (violence that the US has contributed to through foreign military aid and refusal to support a ceasefire), it is imperative we redirect our priorities towards peace which can start by signing the TPNW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DM", written over a horizontal line.

**State Representative David Morales (District 7)**