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House Committee on State Government & Elections

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 5876, which proposes the creation of a special commission to investigate and report on the threat of nuclear weapons.

- Consider this: several US presidents have exhibited clear signs of cognitive decline—especially toward the end of their terms in office.
- In this category there are Presidents Wilson, Coolidge, FDR, Eisenhower, Reagan, Biden . . .
- And then there is President Trump. His erratic, rambling outbursts suggest something more alarming—possible frontal lobe disorder.
- Altogether, roughly 15 percent of US presidents have had serious cognitive impairments.
- These are the individuals with ultimate authority over nuclear weapons—the power to extinguish most life on Earth.
- Does that make anyone feel safe?
- This commission would give Rhode Islanders a voice in the public discussion of such existential matters.
- For additional context, see “What You Didn’t Learn Watching the Movie *Oppenheimer*” (<https://tinyurl.com/OppiesBomb>)



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