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Dear Friends,

This week, we reflect on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We remember the devastation and damage inflicted onto thousands of people, and we are renewed in our commitment to oppose the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

What happened 75 years ago can never happen again. If actions of the past are repeated, they would only bring untold pain and extreme destruction. The use of nuclear weapons is abhorrent, and as a country, we must recommit to our nonproliferation efforts. My top priority is and will always be the safety and security for the citizens and service members of the United States of America. Throughout my career, I have consistently supported diplomacy over war, conversation over violence.

The stockpiling and continued production of nuclear weapons do not make the world a safer place. We learned that lesson during the Cold War. Through modern-day diplomatic channels, nuclear weapons should never have to be used again. There are no excuses.

Thank you for gathering today to remember the lives lost and to remind us all of our need to continue our opposition to the use of nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,



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