

MUTUAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE Initiated Law of 1982

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The People of the State of Michigan enact:

3.851 Finding and declarations.

Section 1. Finding and Declarations. We, the people of the State of Michigan, do hereby find and declare that the safety and security of the United States must be paramount in the concerns of the American people. The substantial and growing danger of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union, which would result in millions of deaths of the people of Michigan and throughout the nation, can be reduced by an agreement that both countries immediately halt the testing, production, and further deployment of all nuclear weapons, missiles, and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides. This measure is necessary to reduce the threat of nuclear war to the health and well-being of the citizens of Michigan and the entire country. This measure is also necessary to increase the economic well-being of the people of the State of Michigan, whose economy is adversely effected by money needlessly spent of nuclear weapons systems.

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3.852 Text of transmittal.

Section 2. Text of Transmittal. The Secretary of the Michigan Senate and The Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives shall prepare and transmit on or before December 31, 1982, the following written communication to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State and all members of the United States Congress:

"The people of the State of Michigan, recognizing that the safety and security of the United States must be paramount in the concerns of the American people; and further recognizing that our national security is reduced, not increased, by the growing danger of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union, which would result in millions of deaths of people in Michigan and throughout the nation; do hereby urge that the Government of the United States immediately propose to the Government of the Soviet Union a Mutual Nuclear Weapons Freeze, whereby both countries agree to halt immediately the testing, production, and further deployment of all nuclear weapons, missiles, and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides, and that Congress transfer the funds which would have been used for those purposes to civilian use."

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