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VICTORIA, B.C.

October 26, 2017

Dear Mayor Helps,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your letter to Prime Minister Trudeau on the City of Victoria's endorsement of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

I totally agree – I have raised the issue repeatedly to Parliament, pressing the Prime Minister to ratify the Treaty. Leadership at the municipal level across Canada can help push the federal government into officially recognizing our responsibility to take a role on the issue of nuclear disarmament.

I was proud to attend the Nuclear Test Ban Citizen Signing Ceremony and personally sign the Treaty beneath the Peace Tower on Wednesday, September 20th. I will continue to work for a nuclear-free Canada and for global nuclear disarmament.

Thank you again for taking action as a local government. As always, Victoria is in the lead!

Sincerely

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