## WILPF Nuclear-Free Future Tour April 2 – September 24, 2017

May 19-26 – Washington DC - Megan Rice and Holy Child Sisters, hosts

- May 20 – Lafayette Park, noon to 5 pm - <u>Celebrating the White House Peace Vigilers</u>



- May 21 - <u>DC Days</u> experts presented updates on the nuclear weapons production and storage facilities, and prepared visitors for three days of lobbying with the newly published "<u>Accountability Audit</u>"







## May 22 – evening - "Pizza Party" at Mott House



May 23 - Robin Lloyd and Odile Hugonot-Haber met with Medea Benjamin, and Ellen sp**ok**e on radio with Mike Sysiuk



May 23 – A team met with DC's Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's aide, Lauren Dudley, and asked for revisions to last session's "Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act" (in red below). A. (1) should read: "ratify a multilateral nuclear weapons ban treaty that provides for ..."

## 114th CONGRESS 1st Session H. R. 1976 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 22, 2015

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and to the Committee on Armed Services

ABILL

To provide for nuclear weapons abolition and economic conversion in accordance with District of Columbia Initiative Measure Number 37 of 1992, while ensuring environmental restoration and clean-energy conversion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the 'Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2015'.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION.

A. 🕼 In General- The United States Government shall-(1) provide leadership to negotiate and enter into a well multilateral treaty or other international agreement by the date that is there years what has due to the international agreement by the date that is

three years after the date of the enactment of this Act that provides for

a. (A) the dismantlement and elimination of all nuclear pons in every country by not later than 2022; and when weapons in every country by oot later than 2022, and (B) strict and effective international control of such dismantlement and elimination

(2) redirect resources that are being used for nuclear weapons programs to use-

& (A) in converting all nuclear weapons industry employees, processes, plants, and programs smoothly to constructive, ecologically beneficial peacetime activities, including strict control of all fissile material and radioactive waste, during the period in which nuclear weapons must be dismantled and eliminated pursuant to the treaty or other international agreement described in paragraph (1); and

₯(₿) in addressing human and infrastructure needs, including development and deployment of sustainable carbon free and nuclear-free energy sources, health care, housing, education, agriculture, and environmental restoration, including long-term radioactive waste monitoring;

(3) undertake vigorous, good-faith efforts to eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military operations; and

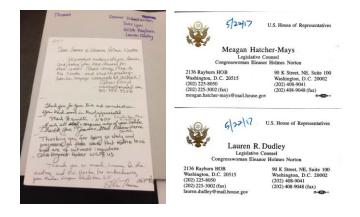
(4) actively promote policies to induce all other countries to join in the commitments described in this subsection to create a more peaceful and secure world.

5. 6 Effective Date- Subsection (2) shall take effect on the date on which the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have--

(1) eliminated such weapons; or (2) begun such elimination under established legal requirements comparable to those described in subsection (A)



Odile Hugonot-Haber, Robin Lloyd, Lauren Dudley + Joanne Steele, Ellen Thomas, and Mark Hamilton



May 23 – evening – Awards ceremony









May 24 – Visited the offices of Senator Bernie Sanders (Vermont) ...



...and Representative Jan Schakowsky (Chicago), who met with us personally ...



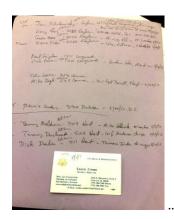


... and promised to co-sponsor Congresswoman Norton's bill.

May 25, 2017 – Robin and Odile headed home, and I took our hostess, Sister Megan Rice, to the spring meeting of Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, where she observed part of the discussion of the information gathered during DC Days.



I delivered the signed petitions from the Nuclear-Free Future tour to the various offices:



... and drove home to a much-needed rest before NYC June 16-21.

FYI– Blank copies of the WILPF ban treaty petition are linked at the top of <u>http://prop1.org</u>, plus links to the <u>online petition to the Senate</u>, and <u>online letter to the House</u>

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