



# A POSITIVE PLATFORM FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE



We believe that we should explore all possible solutions to the world's problems of conflict, violence, and militarism. We do not live alone on this planet, and we do not need to take the easiest path of resorting to acting alone and with force.

We support diplomacy, economic policy, weapons inspections, and other forms of non-violent international pressure as the only legitimate tools for addressing potential threats from other nations. Preventive or pre-emptive war is not legal and can potentially lead us on a path of unending violent global chaos. If military intervention is called for and agreed upon by the international community, it should be carried out by trained peace-keeping forces under international supervision.

We support the United Nations and other forums for international cooperation and international law, which provide the greatest source of security for the people of the United States and the world.

We support redirecting excessive military spending toward unmet human and environmental needs at home and abroad.

We support an end to the nuclear arms race and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. Toward this end, we call on the United States to abide by its commitment to the Non-Proliferation

Treaty (NPT). In May 2000, at an NPT review conference, the United States said that it was "unequivocally committed to the ultimate goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons."

We support freedom and democracy as set forth in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, now under siege by the USA PATRIOT Act. Erosion of our civil rights damages the core of our country's strength. Effective law enforcement under the Constitution can and will protect us from terrorism.

We support an engaged and informed citizenry in which all Americans are encouraged to participate freely in rigorous debate and dialogue about issues of peace and security.

We believe that the time has come to move beyond war. Modern warfare kills and injures tens of thousands of civilians, threatens entire populations, wipes out societies' infrastructures, and creates huge numbers of refugees. Weapons of mass destruction threaten civilization itself. War is no longer tenable. **There are always alternatives to war.**



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The mission of the WAND Education Fund is to educate the public and opinion leaders about the need to reduce violence and militarism in society, and redirect excessive military spending to unmet human and environmental needs.

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