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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about nuclear weapons. Since their development and first use US Presidents and a small but growing group of other world leaders have borne the awesome responsibility of nuclear destruction. Diplomatic attempts to deal with this threat have centered around nonproliferation, negotiated reductions and a commitment not to use them first. Low yield or tactical nuclear weapons have long been understood to be destabilizing since they encourage planning for a limited nuclear war which those who have held such terrible responsibility such as Messrs Schultz and Perry (past Secretaries of State and War) believe very likely to rapidly escalate. This week Undersecretary Rood confirmed that a new class of low yield devices (W76-2) are now operational on submarines. These were justified by citing a nuclear gap and outlining a limited nuclear war scenario. Besides being intrinsically destabilizing your own instability makes this particularly frightening. *Please assure me that you will remove tactical weapons from the US arsenal.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our nuclear restraint.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson