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# H. R. 2850

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2021

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Weapons Abo-  
5 lition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLI-**  
2 **TION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVER-**  
3 **SION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Government  
5 shall—

6 (1) provide leadership by signing and ratifying  
7 the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nu-  
8 clear Weapons or any other international agreement  
9 that provides for—

10 (A) the dismantlement and elimination of  
11 all nuclear weapons in every country; and

12 (B) strict and effective international con-  
13 trol of such dismantlement and elimination;

14 (2) redirect resources that are being used for  
15 nuclear weapons programs to use—

16 (A) in converting all nuclear weapons in-  
17 dustry processes, plants, and programs, and in  
18 retraining employees, to shift to a constructive,  
19 ecologically beneficial peace economy, which in-  
20 cludes strict control of all fissile material and  
21 radioactive waste; and

22 (B) in addressing human and infrastruc-  
23 ture needs, including development and deploy-  
24 ment of sustainable carbon-free and nuclear-  
25 free energy sources, health care, housing, edu-  
26 cation, agriculture, and environmental restora-

1           tion, including long-term radioactive waste mon-  
2           itoring; and

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

7           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (2) of subsection  
8 (a) shall take effect on the date on which the President  
9 certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear  
10 weapons have begun the elimination of such weapons  
11 under established legal requirements comparable to those  
12 described in paragraph (1) of such subsection.

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