

The power of One

If you are asking yourself what one person can do, that's a perfectly good question. And an important one, because everyone can take part in building the movement to turn the Ban Treaty from a possibility into a reality. You can do at least one thing on January 22 that has the power to influence others—to make them think, to encourage them to take action, to do their one thing to make a difference. Take your choice:

Write a letter. Even in the days of Twitter and Instagram, a letter can have an impact — maybe even a greater one because they are rare.

A letter to the Editor of your local paper will be read by hundreds of people.

A letter to your Representative can ask them to co-sponsor Rep. Jim McGovern's bill calling for the United States to sign and implement the Treaty. A letter to your Senators can ask them to sponsor a similar bill in the Senate, to take responsibility for leadership in creating a world free of nuclear weapons.

You can find sample letters at www.orepa.org with language you can use or adapt—or just compose your own letter.

When you write to Congress, include a copy of [the Treaty](#).

Check out your local college or university. There is a list [here](#) of US educational institutions that are directly involved in supporting nuclear weapons production. Some of them even operate nuclear weapons sites! Whether your school is on the list or not, you can take the [University Pledge](#). And if your local school or your alma mater isn't on the big list, chances are they have investments in their endowment funds in corporations and financial institutions that are involved in bomb building. There is great information in the [Don't Bank on the Bomb](#) reports. *Dig in!*

Join a social media campaign. You can find a great sign to tell the world you support the Ban Treaty on the resource page at www.orepa.org. There are three signs—print out your favorite, snap a selfie, or include a couple of friends in a groupie, holding the sign. Then post it on the Nuclear Ban Treaty Days of Action facebook page.

While you're there, if you haven't joined the Days of Action group, join it!

Have a conversation. Ask someone you know if they have heard of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Tell them why January 22 is important. Give them a copy of the Treaty and tell them why you think it is important. If they are interested, ask them to join you in writing a letter, or posting a picture—*turn the power of One into the power of Two!*

Donate. You can write a check or you can give on-line. There are dozens of groups around the country that are dedicating themselves to long-haul work to make the promise of the Ban Treaty a reality around the world and in the US. They rely on contributions and public support to keep going—*even small donations count!*

Whatever you do, tell us about it! You can post a report or share your letter or photo on Facebook at Nuclear Ban Treaty Collaborative. Add #NuclearBan and #JoinTheTreaty to your post. Or email your report to orep@earthlink.net