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7 Years into Bush Administration, a Step in the Right Direction

Washington, DC — The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced today that it has increased the rate of nuclear weapons dismantlement by 50% over last year's level. Rep. Ellen Tauscher, Chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee issued the following statement:

“Decreasing our over-sized nuclear stockpile is a step in the right direction. The Bush Administration has spent the last seven years offering rhetoric that speaks to this goal but with no action.

Now, with Democrats in key roles in Congress for the first time in years, my colleagues and I have put significant pressure on the Bush Administration to actually put actions behind their rhetoric.

This the most significant step we can take as a country to make it clear that we take our obligations under the Nonproliferation Treaty seriously, and it’s a recognition of the importance of conventional alternatives to nuclear weapons.

Since coming to Congress I have been a consistent supporter of reducing the size of our nation’s nuclear stockpile while retaining a credible deterrent. I will continue to use my Chairmanship of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee to get the Bush Administration to promote a rational and credible nuclear policy that has a keen focus on nonproliferation.”

-Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher

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