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His Excellency Mr. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President
The United States of America

Letter of Protest

We have learned that your country conducted subcritical nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site in June and September last year. On behalf of the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima and over 8,100 Mayors for Peace member cities around the world, I vehemently protest.

The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to fuel the idea that military forces are the only way to suppress violence committed by military forces. The fact that your country has conducted these tests demonstrates a firm determination to modernize US nuclear forces. Nuclear tests of any kind are utterly unacceptable as they betray the wishes of the *hibakusha* and millions of others who seek the abolition of these weapons.

From the United States, I strongly demand the following: deeply reflect upon the horrific realities of what a single atomic bomb did to Hiroshima and the tragic experiences of the *hibakusha*. Share in the Will of Hiroshima, the will for peace, and no matter how difficult the journey, never lose sight of the goal—striving for a world free of nuclear weapons—and take action for this goal based in reason.

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