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The Hon W.R. Shorten MP
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Dear Mr Shorten

On behalf of the Justice Committee of Catholic Religious Australia, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your colleagues in the Australian Labor Party for the stance taken at the December 2018 Party Conference regarding nuclear weapons. We are mightily encouraged by the Party's decision to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in the event that the ALP forms government after the next federal election. It was at once a courageous and logical step to take, despite the difficulties inherent within the sphere of global politics.

As the Parliamentary Leader of the Australian Labor Party, I am sure you were instrumental in ensuring this issue was brought to the 'table' – thank you. This decision goes a long way to ensure that common sense will prevail against the use of these most destructive and indiscriminate of weapons. They threaten not only members of the human family but the viability of the planet itself. The ALP's commitment is an 'act of faith' in the belief that with goodwill, patience and diplomacy the Australian people can, through their elected representatives be part of the solutions to global issues which have an impact on us all.

Thank you once again for this and all the good you do as a Member of Parliament.

Yours Sincerely

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