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Our nations leaders (starting with the President) must understand that nuclear weapons are immoral and must never be used. Nuclear weapons threaten genocide on a scale that decision-makers refuse to talk about. The use of nuclear weapons are illegal under the laws of war and humanitarian law — unusable because there is no sure way to limit escalation, they are exorbitantly expensive and a massive diversion of human talent and resources away from diplomacy, foreign assistance, innovation and public health.

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