



BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN  
NUCLEAR DANGERS & A SAFE,  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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Another Letter to Help the Year End

Dear Friends,

Next year, Bridge the Gap will turn forty and I will turn sixty. My entire adult life has been spent associated with this organization and its work for peace, social justice, and defense of the environment. All of you have spent much of your lives also working for these causes.

Over the years, together we have contributed to ending the war in Vietnam; restraining the nuclear arms race; and stopping the related expansion of dangerous nuclear power. The work has been hard and at times painful.

And yet there is also a kind of joy, for as Dr. King said:

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for what is right.  
A man dies when he refuses to stand up for what is true.

Perhaps the most difficult part, however, is seeing so many past battles to which we all gave our full measure of devotion having to be fought over again. As I write, we face the prospect of an escalation in American military involvement in another unpopular war; a significant increase in the risk of the proliferation of atomic weapons; and a revival—or relapse—of nuclear power.

But it takes only a glance at history to know that victories for justice need to be constantly defended and that all great struggles have to be fought again and again. All we can do is the best we can during our time on watch.

As we enter a New Year, and our fortieth, I ask your continued help in this important work.

With best wishes for a truly New Year,

Dan Hirsch  
President

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