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We have work to do, and we need you with us!

Because of your past support, PSR Maine has had a successful year working to reduce threats to public health by influencing public opinion and promoting science-based policies.

This past year we have:

- Actively participated in Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition**, helping to pass bills that promote access to clean drinking water, assist farmers affected by PFAS contamination, and kept toxin-laden out-of-state waste from being dumped in our landfills.
- We recruited many of our members to write to our Congressional delegation regarding amendments to modify some of the more outrageous and destabilizing aspects of the **National Defense Authorization Act** – such as spending on nuclear-capable Sea Launched Cruise Missiles and upgrading our land based nuclear ICBM's.
- We held meetings with Senator King and Representative Golden's staff to support **Back from the Brink** – calling for changes in United States nuclear policy that would reduce the risk of accidental nuclear war, reduce reliance on nuclear weapons for U.S. national security, and promote international agreements to end nuclear danger.
- After PSR Maine members met with Representative Pingree, she co-sponsored House Res. 1185 – which calls on the US to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and adopt the **Back from the Brink** policy solutions.
- We co-sponsored a commemorative event on Hiroshima Day at the **Bernard Lown Peace Bridge** to honor Lewiston's own Dr. Lown, who was (in addition to being a renowned Cardiologist) a founder of both PSR and IPPNW.

What's in store for the next year? PSR Maine is in the process of developing a **paid internship** program with local academic Public Health schools to expose future activists to our advocacy work – and to help with getting local governments to pass **Back from the Brink** resolutions. We will also support a **PSR student group** at the UNE Medical School. During the upcoming legislative session, we will again collaborate with the **Environmental Priorities Coalition** to advocate for measures to reduce toxic exposures and fight climate change.

Lastly, PSR Maine will continue to be a key player in the struggle to reduce the chances of a nuclear holocaust. To that end, we have joined with Union of Concerned Scientists, Veterans for Peace, and multiple medical and faith-based organizations to work as **Mainers to End Nuclear Danger**.

The threats of nuclear war, climate change, and toxic pollution are all too real. PSR Maine is, we believe, an important voice combatting these threats – we're the voice of science, of trusted health care providers.

Thank you for your past donations. I hope you can continue to be generous in your support of our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Syd Sewall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sydney R. Sewall, MD, MPH
from all of us here at PSR Maine

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