

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
BRUNSWICK DIVISION

USA

V

NO. 2:18-CR- 22

ELIZABETH MCALISTER

DECLARATION OF JEFFREY CARTER

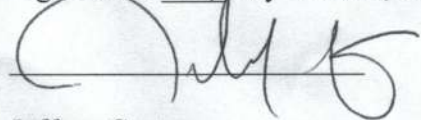
Pursuant to 28 USC 1746, Jeffrey Carter, declares under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility. I am also an attorney.
2. Physicians for Social Responsibility is made up of physicians and health professionals in chapters all across the United States who advocate for public health solutions to, among other issues, the growing danger of nuclear weapons in our world today.
3. Physicians for Social Responsibility helped lead the effort for a resolution from the American Medical Association calling for the full elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide. This resolution was passed by the American Medical Association in 2015. Together with our fellow professionals in the American Medical Association we condemn the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, deployment, threat and use of nuclear weapons. Together we note the devastating effect of using nuclear weapons, even beyond the immense human suffering and substantial death tolls among victims.

4. In addition to the American Medical Association, these international organizations of health professionals have called for the total elimination of nuclear weapons because of their humanitarian impact: the World Medical Association, International Committee for the Red Cross, International Council of Nurses, and the World Federation of Public Health Associations.
5. In 1996 the International Court of Justice concluded that the use of nuclear weapons would be generally contrary to the principles and rules of international humanitarian law (IHL).
6. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was passed by 122 nations, the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons. As a result, nuclear weapons now join biological and chemical weapons, land mines and cluster munitions that are now explicitly and completely banned under international law.
7. In the event of a nuclear war, millions of people would die from a nuclear attack within 30 minutes.
8. A nuclear attack on any city would destroy hospitals and clinics, kill the vast majority of health professionals, wipe out medical supplies, and paralyze communication and transportation systems.
9. Those who survive a nuclear attack can expect illnesses from radiation exposure from nuclear weapons which include: leukemia, multiple myeloma, stomach cancers, colon cancers, lung cancers, breast cancers, thyroid cancers, cataracts, birth defects, infertility, chromosomal aberrations, hemorrhaging, and infections.

10. Our organization points out that catastrophic effects of even a so-called "limited" nuclear war would be felt in the earth's ecosystem. Research shows that even if just one percent of the world's nuclear weapons were used to attack cities someplace other than the US, it would loft enough soot into the atmosphere to dramatically disrupt the climate of the entire planet. This would cause long-term damage to worldwide agricultural production. The resulting global famine would put two billion people at risk of starvation.
11. In addition to countless deaths and global destruction, nuclear weapons absorb tremendous amounts of money that could be used for care of our people and our planet. Our research indicates the total annual expenditures on nuclear weapons is in excess of \$50 billion per year, over \$6 million per hour for people in the US alone.
12. Physicians for Social Responsibility is very clear. A meaningful medical response to any use of nuclear weapons would be impossible. We cannot survive a nuclear war, let alone win one. Our only option is to do everything in our power to prevent these weapons from ever being used.

Signed this 27 day of June, 2018



Jeffrey Carter