Dear Council Member ,

I am writing this letter as a [constituent of your district/resident of New York City].

This year 122 nations adopted the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which bans nuclear weapons just as the world has banned biological and chemical weapons. Although the United States and the other nuclear weapons states, as well as our NATO allies in the US nuclear alliance, did not vote for the ban, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons which won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts in the treaty adoption, is urging actions in nuclear weapons states to divest its investments in nuclear weapons.

City Council Finance Chairman Daniel Dromm has taken up the challenge for a nuclear free world and proposes to send the attached letter to Comptroller Scott Stringer, requesting that NYC Pension funds be divested from nuclear weapons producers.  He asked for your support on July 18 and requested that you respond affirmatively to the extended reply date of August 15.

Since the nuclear weapons ban treaty makes the design, development, manufacture, transport, use or threat of use of nuclear weapons illegal under international law. Countries that conduct such activities will be isolated and stigmatized for their violation of international norms.

Please lend your support and take leadership that will resound across the nation and send a signal to the world that New York City will not stand for its pensions and finances to be supported by profits earned from producing these immoral and illegal weapons of mass destruction.  Your action in support of Council Member Dromm’s initiative can make an enormous difference at this critical time in history, fraught with nuclear peril.

Please contact his Legislative Director Sebastian Maguire smaguire@council.nyc.gov  to add your signature to this important effort.

Thank you,