accelerate the already threatening arms spiral. It will make nuclear war more likely.

Ending the nuclear arms race is our most urgent task. Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) advocates a verifiable bilateral freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear arms by both the United States and the Soviet Union. With your financial assistance we can expand our educational efforts. We can make a difference.

We at PSR have already affected the way in which Americans and Soviets think about nuclear war. Through a series of symposia on "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear War" held across the country, we have spurred thousands to action. The participation of prominent leaders such as former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Carl Sagan has given our work national attention. We have similarly traveled to the Soviet Union and lectured extensively on the consequences of nuclear war.

From its start in 1961, PSR has recognized that a nuclear war would be the final epidemic. We have worked to reach our fellow physicians and through them the American people with that message. Through our work, Americans have begun to question the sanity of the arms race. Eighty-nine percent of all Americans now believe that there can be no winner in a nuclear war.

But we need your help. Only through your financial support can we expand our educational efforts. Together, we can make a difference. Ending the nuclear arms race is our most urgent task.

In Washington and across the nation, we have spoken clearly and forcefully of the medical consequences of nuclear war and the futility of civil defense. Regardless of who is President, Congress has a critical role to play in controlling the arms race -- one which PSR has long recognized. We have testified before Congressional committees and worked directly with House and Senate members and their staffs.

Because of our efforts and those of others, the House has voted to support a bilateral, verifiable nuclear weapons freeze. The Senate has called for a resumption of negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The House has voted for a moratorium on anti-satellite weapon testing. Both Houses of Congress have significantly cut back the MX missile program and resisted Presidential requests for massive increases in civil defense spending.

We have willingly taken on the challenge presented to us by governments, including our own, which refuse to acknowledge that a nuclear war is not and never will be survivable, let alone winnable. But we must work to sustain this momentum and to educate still more Americans to accept responsibility for their own survival.

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