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**Subject:** Thank for you putting SR 5 on your agenda

Dear Senator White,

Thank you so much for your courage in being willing to put SR 5 up for discussion! I know that was not an easy decision. I was hoping to get to speak with you in person, or over the phone; but given your busy schedule, I'm sending this in lieu of a personal connection.

I know both sides of the F-35 issue have been sending in information regarding whether the specific F-35 airframes that Vermont is slated to receive will be nuclear weapon delivery systems, meaning nuclear bombers.

Both sides agree that the F-35s scheduled to come to Vermont in the fall will NOT be capable of dropping nuclear bombs. Currently NO F-35s have nuclear capability, as the nuclear bomb is still being integrated with F-35 test aircraft. However, the people who oppose basing nuclear bombers in Vermont say that eventually all F-35s, including the ones coming to Vermont, will be upgraded to have that nuclear capability. The people who want the F-35s to be based in Vermont say that the F-35s coming here will never be nuclear capable.

Both sides think they are correct about the F-35s eventual nuclear capability. Therefore, logically, *both sides should support SR 5*. If Vermont's F-35s are never upgraded to be nuclear capable, then SR 5 does not apply to it. If Vermont's F-35s are planned to eventually have a nuclear capability, then the Resolution will send a strong message to the Air Force that Vermonters do not want this nuclear bomber. Only those people who actually WANT to have a nuclear bomber based in Vermont would oppose SR 5.

I am incredibly grateful that you are going to discuss this. The subject of the Resolution is nuclear weapons and war. There is no need for either side to try to prove or disprove whether Vermont's F-35 will acquire a nuclear capability or role.

SR 5 is not so much about opposing the F-35, as it is about stating Vermonters' opposition to increasing our nuclear weaponry and the Federal government's revival of "limited" nuclear war planning. This Resolution, like almost all resolutions, is mostly symbolic. In past years, 177 Vermont cities and towns passed anti-nuclear resolutions. I think we can all safely assume that the vast majority of Vermonters are against nuclear weapons and nuclear war. Like those town resolutions, SR 5 can be seen as symbolic; and once again our brave little state takes a stand against the madness of nuclear weapons and war.

SR 5 draws a symbolic line in the Green Mountain soil saying NO to nuclear bombers in our state. Taking a stand against nuclear war and nuclear weapons of war is what Vermonters have done throughout the years. Senate Resolution 5 is totally aligned with those values.

Please — as a Vermonter against nuclear weapons and war — and as our elected leader vote to pass this Resolution. Thank you.

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