

Dear Mr. President and Madam Secretary,

In July at the United Nations Open Ended Working Group on an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the US government has a major opportunity to change course and support effective controls of the largely uncontrolled global arms trade. As the world's largest arms exporter, it is critical that the United States works with Member States at the UN to achieve a robust and effective ATT.

I urge you to play an active role in supporting an effective ATT that will protect people's lives and livelihoods by stopping irresponsible arms transfers that fuel conflict, poverty and serious human rights abuses. An effective ATT must be based on international law and must include all types of transfers and transactions of all conventional arms and ammunition.

At the UN Open Ended Working Group meeting in July, you have the perfect opportunity to help those suffering from conflict and abuse by actively supporting an effective ATT. Please add your voice to the growing international consensus and make effective global controls of conventional weapons a reality.