At a time when we hope to pursue nuclear de-escalation and non-proliferation, a new nuclear weapons system, the Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile (N-SLCM) would be a step in the wrong direction.

We urge you to co-sponsor the Nuclear-SLCM Ban Act of 2021 and vote in favor of S595 and HR1554.

Decades of bi-partisan efforts have halted nuclear-tipped, and conventional non-nuclear missiles being placed on the same deployed surface ships. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush tabled the Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile program. In 2013, President Barack Obama ended the N-SLCM program.

But then President Donald Trump reinstated the N-SLCM program, despite the catastrophic risks of placing nuclear and non-nuclear missiles on the same surface vessels.

In addition to being unwise and dangerous, N-SLCM's projected costs of $9 billion would take precious resources away from addressing other critical needs.

Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md) and Representative Joe Courtney (D-Conn) introduced the Nuclear-SLCM Ban Act, legislation to prohibit research, development, production, and deployment of Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missiles. We urge you to co-sponsor and vote in favor of S595 and HR1554.