

Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Work to Implement a National Missile Defense System

WHEREAS, the 1972 Anti Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty was signed with a nation that no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of nations—including China, North Korea, Iran, and Iraq—either currently possess the capability to launch missile attacks against the United States or its allies, or are working to obtain that capability; and

WHEREAS, due in part to advances in technology, the possibility that a missile bearing a weapon of mass destruction will be used against US forces or interests is higher today than it was during most of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, terrorist groups, not just states, have the means to buy ballistic missiles; and

WHEREAS, while systems are in place to thwart terrorism, the nation still has no defense against missile attack; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War policy of "mutual assured destruction" embodied in arms control treaties is not sufficient to deter terrorist missile attacks; and

WHEREAS, defending against a missile attack is the government's moral obligation, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of _____ requests our elected representatives in the United States Congress support and vote for the implementation of a national missile defense system.