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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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### **RE: Missile Defence**

Dear Mr. Harper;

Canadian Pugwash members strongly supported Canada's decision not to participate in missile defence. I am incensed that the authority of the Senate has been given to a new report that so thoroughly misunderstands the implications of missile defence. It is NOT in Canada's interest to join missile defence now or in the future. Canada belongs NORAD and has a defined role there. That is sufficient. Nothing of substance has changed since we sent a two page document about the missile defence issue to all members of parliament in February 2005, and I am attaching it to this letter. Whatever the results of ongoing tests by the U.S., there is no effective anti-missile system. There is no enemy threatening Canada with a missile attack, and participating in this military endeavour only heightens the security tensions around the world and escalates the efforts of other nations to counter the threat potentially posed by the United States.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Canadian Pugwash Board of Directors

Cc: The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence  
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