# Congress of the United States
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## The Future of Arms Control Treaties
## A Bipartisan Task Force on Non-Proliferation Panel Discussion

June 13, 2003

Dear Colleague,

Arms control treaties played an integral role in reducing superpower tensions during the Cold War. While the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), the Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (START), the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT) and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) served to reduce the prospect for a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) has, in most cases, prevented the spread of nuclear weapons across the world. Why was the treaty signed? How does it affect national security? How does it affect international relations and the use of nuclear power? How do recent actions of Iran and North Korea affect the future of the treaty? What role will the treaty play in continuing to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons?

**We invite you and your staff to attend a Bipartisan Security Group panel, hosted by the Bipartisan Task Force on Non-Proliferation, to discuss these and related issues. The panelists will include:**

**Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr.** was involved in the negotiation of every major international arms control and non-proliferation agreement of the past 30 years. He served as General Counsel at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Graham also led the successful US government effort to indefinitely extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. He is currently the Chairman of the Bipartisan Security Group.

**John Holum** served as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security in the Clinton administration, as Senior Advisor to President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright on Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Disarmament, and as Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

**Rose Gottemoeller** is a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace with joint appointments to the Russian and Eurasian Program and the Global Policy Program. She served as Deputy Undersecretary for Defense and Nuclear Proliferation in the Department of Energy during the Clinton administration.

**Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.**
**2203 Rayburn House Office Building**

For further information about the Bipartisan Security Group, contact BSG Director Ambassador (Ret.) Robert T. Grey Jr., at 202-543-9017. If you wish to join the Non-Proliferation Task Force or need further information about the upcoming briefing, please have your staff contact Benn Tannenbaum (Rep. Markey) at 225-2836 or Jordan Press (Rep. Shays) at 225-5541.

Sincerely,

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