

What can we do as professionals and citizens?

One example:

The Physicists Coalition for Nuclear Threat Reduction



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Goals:

Education: Inform and engage the US physical science community,
To make nuclear threat reduction a higher priority

Advocacy: Build the national Coalition for organized advocacy,
Mobilized scientists can be an influential voice

The purpose of the first goal is to serve the second goal.

*Open to all physical scientists, including those in engineering science;
Open to ANS members*

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Informing and engaging the community

- Team of 13 scientists with expertise in nuclear arms
- Through visits to university departments, national labs....
- Colloquia + follow-on meeting about Coalition
- 60 universities visited (virtually) from Sept, 2020 to March, 2021
- Webinars
- Policy papers

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Advocacy

- To Congress and other stake holders – organized through APS
- By informed “citizen-scientists” (not experts)
- To date, 340 Coalition members, an effective advocacy group
- In fall, advocated for New START extension and no nuclear weapon tests
- Centrally facilitated (to make it easy and minimize time commitment)

To join or read about the Coalition,

Or to schedule a colloquium at your institution

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