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Letter of Protest

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The Honorable Joe Biden  
President of the United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

We have obtained reports that the United States of America has conducted subcritical nuclear tests in June and September of last year at a nuclear testing site in the state of Nevada.

These two nuclear tests occurred after your appointment into office as President of the United States, and the National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities, representing 346 member local authorities and the residents of those local authorities, expresses its vehemently protests against them.

This revelation comes at a time when the risk of nuclear weapons being used again is ever mounting, what with Russia's invasion of Ukraine and signs of the resumption of North Korea's nuclear weapons tests. We are deeply outraged and feel that this is a matter of grave concern.

These tests indicate your country's decision to contribute to the modernization of nuclear weapons, thus exacerbating the nuclear arms race. Dangerous conduct such as this poses the risk of another serious blow being dealt to the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime that international society has worked hard to establish.

We hereby request that the United States cease all plans for nuclear testing that would be conducted for the maintenance and development of nuclear weapons.

We strongly urge that you remember your goal "to realize a world free of nuclear weapons" and to demonstrate leadership that will lead to a world without nuclear weapons.

Yours sincerely,

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