

**Press Release:**

# The Last U.S.-Russia Arms Control Treaty Has Ended. Can Trust Be Restored?

*The following press release was issued by Sare for President, the campaign of independent presidential candidate Diane Sare.*

Feb. 5, 2026—Independent presidential candidate Diane Sare held a press conference today [Feb. 5, 2026] to outline a three-point program to be adopted by the United States on the occasion of the expiration of New START, which occurred today.

Talk show host Garland Nixon moderated the event, which also featured arms control expert Scott Ritter, who was the first American weapons inspector on the ground in the Soviet Union as part of the American INF Treaty verification team in 1988.

Ritter spoke first, saying that today, Feb. 5, marked the end of 54 years of arms control agreements going back to the ABM Treaty of 1972. He said that these treaties evolved as part of a continuum that has now been disrupted and that now we are starting “from scratch.” He said that Trump’s talk of a “grand bargain” is “pie in the sky.” It is virtually impossible because of the complexity involved and the lack of trust of the United States. Ritter concluded his remarks by saying that “we need leadership with a vision that understands arms control, and I believe that leader is Diane Sare.”

Presidential candidate Sare quoted from the Sept. 2, 1945 speech of General Douglas MacArthur from the USS Missouri after receiving the surrender of Japan. After mentioning the failures of treaties and organizations to prevent war, and now witnessing the incredible destructive power of the



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atomic bomb, MacArthur said: “We have had our last chance. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological, and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.”

Sare pointed out that while the gap between our moral character and our scientific prowess may have been great in 1945, after hearing just a fraction of the content of the Epstein files, how much greater is the chasm today?

“We must now take actions that are radically different from the degenerate path we’ve been on since the death of President John F. Kennedy, who managed to peacefully resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis through intense negotiation with his Soviet counterpart, Nikita Khrushchev,” she said.

Sare offered a three-part policy solution:

The United States must declare a “no first use” of nuclear weapons doctrine, and demand that all nations possessing nuclear weapons join. China already has such a policy, but every nuclear weapons-armed nation, including emphatically Israel, must join.

A new security and economic development architecture must be formed, including a reform of the UN Security Council to reflect the growing influence of the nations of the Global South. She said such a new security architecture must respect the principle of peaceful coexistence and the sovereignty of each and every nation and uphold the dignity of man.

Finally, Sare proposed two major endeavors that would greatly benefit the Russian and the American people, and also mankind as a whole.

First, build the Bering Strait Tunnel, and second, take up the proposal made by former Roscosmos chief Dmitry Rogozin, when he was Russia’s Ambassador to NATO, for “Strategic Defense of Earth” to develop a system of planetary defense to protect the Earth from being struck by a large asteroid or comet, like that which wiped out most life on Earth 65 million years ago.

During the Q&A period, Ritter reported starkly that his sources in Russia tell him that President Vladimir Putin believes that President Donald Trump has betrayed his trust.

Sare concluded the press conference by reiterating her three points, and stressing her belief that Americans actually want their nation to be good, and want the opportunity to do something good with their lives which will benefit future generations.

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