ANNNUAL REPORT 2021

BOLD NEW LEADERSHIP ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

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PSR PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
In 2021, PSR marked 60 years of service to our core mission to prevent the gravest threats to human health. Throughout the many changes in our world over those 60 years, this guiding principle still drives everything we do. In 2021, PSR stepped up to provide bold new leadership within the fields of nuclear abolition and environment and health. Please see the video messages from our 2021 President and Executive Director for a summary of our achievements.

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PSR believes that increased public awareness about the adverse health impact of fracked gas will build popular support for ending the demand for and the use of methane gas. In 2021, we're proud to say we made significant progress.

Our July report on the use of Per and Polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) chemicals in fracking was a powerful tool for state-level advocacy. PSR and Sierra Club activists used our report to develop new legislation to limit fracking in Colorado. The legislation utilized data from our report to push for a permanent fracking ban in the Delaware River Basin.

Several progressive Members of Congress wrote to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ask for information and follow-up action on PFAS in fracking, based on – and citing – PSR’s report. The Park Foundation and the Sierra Club funded this report and our subsequent work.

In the Fall of 2021, PSR began new research on the health and safety implications of mixing hydrogen with methane for use in furnaces and stoves, funded by the Climate Imperative Foundation.

**Engaging Health Professionals**

*Education:* Our Fracking with Forever Chemicals Study and accompanying sign-on letter prompted participation from health professional organizations that had not joined us in fighting against the use of methane before.

*Collective Action:* PSR sent out action alerts to over 15,000 members and activists to advocate on federal air and climate policy as part of our Healthy Air Partnership with the American Lung Association. Over the course of the year, PSR members took between 7,000 – 14,000 actions per alert, contributing to a vital collective process to help shape important policy decisions, while at the same time educating our members on important issues.

In addition, PSR continued to author letters to the EPA calling for strengthened regulation of methane and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) leaks from oil and gas infrastructure and pushing for progressive energy policy.
Local Empowerment: Thanks to two grants from the Western Conservation Foundation and one from the Climate Action Campaign, we intensified our Climate Ambassador program activities on five strategic states – New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Maine. These super advocates wrote op-ed articles on the need for progressive energy policy that were published in Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Maine and/or participated in state-specific delegations to meet with their respective U.S. senators.

Chapter Highlights in E&H: Building Electrification

Building electrification promotes the replacement of gas for home heating and cooking with heat pumps, electric water heaters and induction cooktops. Support from the Energy Foundation allowed PSR to engage six chapters in local building electrification projects around the country.

- **PSR Washington** advocated and testified in support of electrification-related legislation in Seattle and multiple other communities across the state. They played a key role in a major win: Seattle adopted a revised energy code that will phase out the use of gas in commercial and large multi-family apartment buildings. The revised energy code has become a national model.

- **Greater Boston PSR** has emerged as a leading local advocate for replacing gas for home heating with ground-source heat pumps. The innovative development of utility-scale ground-source heat pumps allow GBPSR to partner with utility companies in the transition to clean energy. GBPSR is also becoming a leading voice opposing the hydrogen-methane mix that is being proposed as a means to maintain the use of gas in homes and buildings.

- **Colorado PSR** produced three informational videos to educate the general public, Spanish language speakers, and decision-makers about indoor air pollution and health impacts from gas stoves and furnaces. They were disseminated broadly through digital and social media platforms and over public access television stations. They then created paid television ads, which aired on the local NBC affiliate, on the dangers of gas stoves.
- PSR Pennsylvania has become the health voice in a new coalition, “Housing Equity Repair and Electrification 4 Climate Justice.” The chapter is developing resources that demonstrate why electrification is critical for the health, environment, and economy of Philadelphians and is an essential anti-displacement strategy that helps protect the homes of low-income families.

- San Francisco Bay PSR focused on revising building codes to make it easier to electrify buildings. They have testified at hearings in multiple locations around the Bay Area.

- PSR Oregon is working with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations and the City of Portland to reform building codes. The chapter serves and supports their BIPOC partner organizations with information, capacity, and other resources.

Want to learn how to be a building electrification advocate in YOUR community? Click here to download out Toolkit.
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Since 1961, PSR has worked to eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons through a direct push for changes in U.S. and international nuclear policy. In 2021, PSR committed itself to promoting nuclear justice within the wider movement for social change, including a just recovery from the pandemic and a just transition to a more equitable and sustainable society that should have no place for nuclear weapons. We’re proud to share some highlights of our accomplishments here.

**Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)**

On January 22, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force (EIF). That day, our national team, together with our chapters in Kansas City, Chesapeake, Arizona, San Francisco Bay, New York, Iowa, Washington, and Oregon, participated in public celebrations to raise awareness about the treaty as part of a worldwide celebration of over 130 events coordinated by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Bob Dodge of PSR Los Angeles spearheaded a YouTube presentation that involved clips from 54 health professionals in 15 states.

PSR worked with Nucleus Impact consulting group to design a campaign rooted in the promotion of nuclear weapons abolition and decreased military spending through the lens of equity and justice. The resulting #DemandAccess outreach campaign will engage, advocate, and educate a broad spectrum of communities on the intersection of nuclear weapons abolition, decreasing military spending, and promoting access, equity and justice for diverse populations.

**What is #DemandAccess?**

A campaign by PSR
Engaging the Next Generation
In June, PSR met with a group of young health professionals from across the country to gauge their opinions, aspirations, and needs. During our discussions, they repeatedly mentioned the word “access” in a variety of contexts: especially when talking about their concerns over disparities in healthcare, safety, and security in this country. They also highlighted their frustration with the lack of an effective movement to address these issues. Finally, they identified the importance of creating equitable access to health and justice for all people, highlighting these issues as a more pressing priority than investing in nuclear weapons. These young professionals have become our first group of ambassadors for the #DemandAccess campaign.

Broadening The Discussion
Our first #DemandAccess webinar “What Can The Nuclear Weapons Abolition Movement Learn from Other Social Justice Movements?” was held in November, engaging a diverse cross section of the advocacy and social justice community.

PSR's nuclear weapons abolition work in 2021 was made possible through support from the Ploughshares Foundation and generous private donors like yourself.

Chapter Highlights in Nuclear Weapons Abolition: Holding Our Leaders Accountable
We have a long way to go, but we saw some success in 2021 convincing Members of Congress to cosponsor or vote in favor of bills that reduce the nuclear weapons threat. These hard-won steps forward are the result of PSR's work in collaboration with members of the Nuclear Grassroots Strategy Coalition (a coalition representing all of the key grassroots groups working on nuclear weapons disbarment and abolition), and other partners.

A House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee eliminated funding for the nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile in their Fiscal Year 2022 bill.

One hundred forty-two U.S. Representatives (33% of 428 voting) voted to support a Barbara Lee amendment to rescind the $24 billion that HASC had added to the National Defense Authorization Act.

PSR Chapters helped gain support from 50 U.S. representatives to sign on to a March 16 letter to President Biden, urging the President to reduce the Pentagon budget.
Martin Fleck  
Director, Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program

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Two Issues: One Voice
Shifting Our Message

Mari Faines
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- Membership Dues: $186,261
- Paycheck Protection/Program Grant: $149,152
- Other Income: $14,219

Expenses

- Program Services: $1,188,403
- Management & General: $223,455
- Fundraising: $95,950
- Chapter Support: $77,617

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TOTAL EXPENSES: $2,000,000
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