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From our deepest silence. From that place within each of us that knows peace. From our heart of hearts, which connects us to the world and to the heart of the world.

We know that fear leads to violence. That violence leads to war. That war leads to total destruction.

Yet, we do not want to fear. We do not want violence. We do not want war. We want peace.

We desire peace so intensely that we are willing to do almost anything to achieve it. Including spending half our resources for arms...to feel secure. We know we cannot continue on this perilous path seeking peace through violence. We know this path offers our children no future at all.

So today we make a new beginning, with House Resolution 3760, legislation to create a cabinet level of Department of Peace and Non Violence. In doing so, dozens of Members of Congress announce that we choose courage over fear. Hope over despair.

We announce our desire for a new America. And, a new world.