



CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

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Dear Mr. Bezos,

I am writing on behalf of the [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#) to encourage you and Amazon to publicly endorse the call to prohibit fully autonomous weapons, also known as lethal autonomous weapons systems. Our global coalition of non-governmental organizations is working to preemptively ban the development, production and use of these weapons systems that, once initiated, would select and attack targets without any meaningful human control.

We watched with great interest [your 20 April comments](#) on “genuinely scary autonomous weapons” at the George W. Bush Presidential Center Forum on Leadership at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. We agree that general artificial intelligence is not required to build fully autonomous weapons and welcome your proposal of a multilateral treaty to address the dangers posed by autonomous weapons.

Around the world, concerns are mounting over the prospect of fully autonomous weapons. Since 2014, more than 80 nations have participated in five Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) meetings to consider the ethical, legal, operational, technical, and other concerns raised by fully autonomous weapons. The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots sees an urgent need for governments to move from talking about the parameters of this challenge to taking concrete action by agreeing to negotiate a new treaty banning fully autonomous weapons.

We invite Amazon to publicly support the effort to conclude a legally binding instrument to retain meaningful human control of the critical functions of selecting and attacking targets. We encourage Amazon to adopt a proactive public policy committing not to engage in work aimed at the development and acquisition of fully autonomous weapons.

We welcome the opportunity to further discuss our campaign and these concerns with Amazon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Wareham', with a stylized, cursive script.

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