



**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE ENERGY, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**SJ 002 - Use of Nuclear Weapons**

**POSITION: Support**

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The League of Women Voter of the United States position on nuclear weapons states that League of Women Voters believes arm control measures are necessary to increase global stability, limit proliferation, prohibit first use of nuclear weapons, inhibit the improvement of weapons and support the worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons. The League believes that the United States should vigorously pursue arms-control negotiations in order to ensure that all nations reduce and eventually eliminate their stockpiles of strategic nuclear weapons.

SJ002 is similar to resolutions that have passed in 7 state legislatures, and 70 counties, and municipalities across the U.S, urging our government to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), now ratified by 70 nations.

This bill request that that the Maryland General Assembly reach out to members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation urging them to cosponsor a federal resolution related to the use of nuclear weapons and urge the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**LWVMD strongly requests a favorable report on SJ 002.**