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The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Doomsday Clock is now 90 Seconds to Nuclear Midnight, the end of everything we ever did or loved. Nuclear weapons are a grave and growing threat to human existence. They are the enemy of all humankind. Survivors will die prolonged and painful deaths from radiation sickness, burns, trauma, starvation, disease, and exposure. There will be no aid or relief. "The living will envy the dead," as Nikita Khrushchev put it.

President Kennedy warned at the United Nations in 1961: "Today, every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable. Every man, woman and child lives under a nuclear sword of Damocles, hanging by the slenderest of threads, capable of being cut at any moment by accident or miscalculation or by madness. **The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us.**"

Based on an annual non-zero probability of occurrence, nuclear war is mathematically inevitable unless we make it impossible. And we know how to dismantle nuclear weapons, having done it thousands of times. Unlike climate change, nuclear risk can be entirely eliminated. Do our children and descendants not deserve that?

Most of the guard rail treaties that at least reduced risk somewhat are gone: INF, ABM, Open Skies, and New START will soon expire. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) requires nuclear abolition but has been rendered non-functional by the nuclear powers.

It is widely recognized that nuclear weapons do not keep us safe or deter nuclear war. Rather they increase tension and uncertainty, which heighten risk. Remember the Hawaii scare?

General Lee Butler, former head of Strategic Air Command over all nuclear weapons targeting said we survived by Luck and the Grace of God. He thought God's Grace was probably at an end and Luck always runs out. Beginning with a speech at the National Press Club in 1996, he calls for the outright abolition of nuclear weapons.

Finally, recall that Albert Einstein warned: "Everything has changed but our modes of thinking. Hence, we drift towards unparalleled catastrophe." Until now, thinking has not changed and we no longer drift — we barrel ahead toward nuclear disaster.

Citizens of the World clearly need a new paradigm of cooperation and nuclear weapons elimination.

SJ0002 attempts to embody the change we need, and Legislators, we need your help to go on.

SJ0002 is similar to resolutions that have passed in 7 state legislatures, and 70 counties and municipalities across the U.S (4 in Maryland), urging our government to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), now ratified by 70 nations, as well as the other 4 policy points of the national Back from the Brink (BFTB)

campaign:

1. Negotiating nuclear disarmament with the other 8 nuclear nations, leading to endorsement of the TPNW
2. Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
3. Ending presidential sole authority to initiate a nuclear launch
4. Taking nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert
5. Ending the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal

HJ3 and SJ2 are necessary prescriptions of hope and survival for all humankind. They are not sufficient, but crucial in the movement to turn back the Doomsday Clock.

Please pass SJ3.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SJ 2
USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Seven state legislatures have passed similar resolutions to SJ 2, and I hope that Maryland's General Assembly will join them. It addresses a threat to humanity so frightening that people have stopped talking about it. But only dialogue leading to action can save humanity.

Following a full-scale nuclear exchange, "a nuclear winter is caused by the black carbon smoke from the nuclear firestorms.... This makes Earth freezing cold even during the summer.... A recent scientific [paper](#) estimates that over 5 billion people could starve to death, including around 99% of those in the US, Europe, Russia, and China."ⁱ There would be no civilization anywhere on earth. Every person who knows these facts has a responsibility to help prevent such a catastrophe.

A nuclear exchange would most likely occur by accident -- by some combination of multiple human and equipment failures. Several times in the past few decades, close calls have occurred. It is dangerous to assume that the worst will never happen.

The ratcheting up of tensions between the U.S. and China and particularly between NATO and Russia increase the probability of some type of accidental use of a nuclear weapon. U.S. withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation treaty and Russian withdrawal from the Test Ban Treaty also heighten the danger level.

Yesterday, the *New York Times* began an editorial series of long articles on the risk of nuclear annihilation and how to prevent it.ⁱⁱ They state, "We have survived so far through luck and brinkmanship." It should be obvious that these factors cannot protect us forever. Disaster is inevitable while nuclear-armed nations have no treaty mechanisms and continue to build their arsenals.

SJ 2 calls upon our government to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, ratified by 70 nations, and to change outdated, dangerous, expensive policies from 1960's such as the first-use doctrine and sole authority of the President to initiate nuclear war. One person should not hold the fate of 8 billion in his hands.

Please don't look away from this issue. The General Assembly has an opportunity to make a small contribution to the survival of our species and to the sustainability of civilization. Your action will encourage other states to act similarly. Our Congressional delegation should hear from you that you urgently ask them to back away from brinkmanship and toward sanity.

ⁱ <https://time.com/6290977/nuclear-war-impact-essay/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/03/07/opinion/nuclear-weapons-nytimes.html>

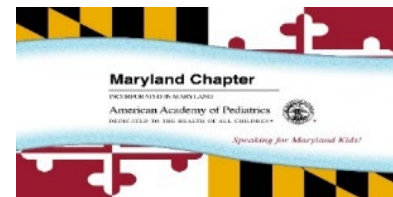
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The Honorable Jill P. Carter

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DATE: March 8, 2024

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Joint Resolution 2 – *Use of Nuclear Weapons*

On behalf of The Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Joint Resolution 2.

This resolution is modeled after “Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons,” a national grassroots campaign that calls for a simple, 5-point set of practical policy solutions that would greatly reduce the risks posed by nuclear weapons and the chances that they will ever be used. Back from the Brink’s coalition of individuals, organizations, and elected officials is working toward a world free of nuclear weapons by building broad, bi-partisan public and congressional support for fundamental changes in the U.S nuclear weapons policy. This organization’s comprehensive policy prescriptions for preventing nuclear war formed the basis for House Resolution 77 (US House of Reps) introduced in January 2023. Today, nine nations possess approximately 13,100 nuclear weapons, far more destructive than those detonated over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. The detonation of even a small number of these weapons would have catastrophic global consequences. The medical community has long recognized the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, making the prohibition of these weapons not just a moral imperative but also a grave public health issue.

MedChi and MDAAP call on the United States and other governments to abandon plans to develop and deploy new nuclear weapons because of the threat they pose to the public’s health and call on the countries of the world to affirm their commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons for the protection of the lives and health of current and future generations. By leading the way in nuclear disarmament, we can help prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons and promote a safer, more stable world for future generations. We urge a favorable report.

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SUPPORT FOR SJ2 AND HJ3

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Chair Feldman; Vice-Chair Kagan; and members:

House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee Chair Healy; Vice-Chair Holmes; and members:

I am writing to ask you to support SJ2 and HJ3. This matters to me, my family, our community, our state, our nation, and ultimately to every country and every person on Earth.

Today, nine nations possess approximately 13,100 nuclear weapons, each far more destructive than those detonated over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. The detonation of even a small number of these weapons would have catastrophic global consequences. There are the additional risks of terrorists obtaining nuclear weapons and using them, or that a misunderstanding, miscommunication, or computer error would trigger a nuclear war.

Let me be clear that I am for a strong US defense. Nuclear weapons, however, don't add to our safety. Contrary to conventional thinking, they make us less safe because, in the final analysis, if nuclear weapons are used, we all lose because of their vast and long-lasting destructive power including radiation fallout that does not respect national boundaries. A stronger defense comes from strategic spending (e.g. cybersecurity, mitigation of climate change, anti-terrorism actions, increased protection for infrastructure) as well addressing core social issues (racism, sexism, poverty, hunger), while promoting and strengthening democracies with free press, religion, assembly, and elections.

There are plans to rebuild the U.S. nuclear arsenal at the staggering cost of \$1.7 trillion over the next three decades. This includes plans to build more "usable" nuclear weapons for nuclear war fighting, increasing the chance that these weapons could be used. U.S taxpayers already spend some \$2 million every hour of every day maintaining the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Marylanders paid over \$2 billion this past tax year in support of the nuclear weapons complex. There are better ways to invest these enormous sums to make America safer than buying more nuclear weapons. While even maintaining a small number of nuclear weapons has risks, it would still serve as a deterrent to any enemy. There is no good reason to invest in more.

This resolution calls for a 5-point set of practical policy solutions that would greatly reduce the risks posed by nuclear weapons and the chances that they will ever be used. Similar resolutions have passed in over 70 cities (including Baltimore and Frederick) and counties (such as Montgomery and Prince George's County) along with seven state legislatures. MedChi, our state medical society, has endorsed this legislation.

Please note that Maryland physicians support this as MedChi (The Maryland State Medical Society) endorses SJ2 and HJ3.

Maryland should add its voice to this effort by passing SJ2 and HJ3.

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PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR MARYLAND

SJ0002 –Use of Nuclear Weapons Hearing in Education, Energy and the Environment MARCH 8, 2024: 9 am Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR MARYLAND urges the Maryland Senate to pass SJ0002, a resolution urging the federal government to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and to enact the five policy points of the Back from the Brink (BFTB) campaign: Negotiating nuclear disarmament with the other 8 nuclear nations; Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first; Ending presidential sole authority to initiate a nuclear launch; Taking nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert; and Ending the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal. It urges our U.S. representatives to do this by cosponsoring H.Res.77 which supports both the TPNW and BFTB.

The story of nuclear weapons will have an ending. It will either be the end of nuclear weapons or the end of human civilization. We have been incredibly fortunate throughout the nuclear weapons era. As Robert McNamara famously [declared](#) after the Cuban Missile Crisis, “We lucked out. It was luck that prevented nuclear war.” The policies of the nuclear weapons states are essentially a hope that this luck will continue. But hoping for good luck is not an acceptable security policy and, sooner or later, our luck will run out.

This is the policy of nuclear deterrence - that our luck will last forever and that it will work perfectly without error into the infinite future. Unfortunately, every technology made by man fails eventually. Every human being fails sometime. And when the technology is nuclear weapons, failure could mean the end of human civilization. We already have a documented history of near civilization ending nuclear accidents, miscalculations, and technical errors. Our luck won’t last forever.

A 2002 study published in the August issue of Nature Food showed that if a regional nuclear war took place in some cities involving 250 nuclear bombs, representing less than 3% of the total number of nuclear weapons in the world, 127 million people would be killed from the direct effects. Even worse, the resulting fires would loft 37 teragrams of soot into the stratosphere, lowering global temperatures enough to reduce global food production to the point where 2.1 billion people would die of starvation within the first two years. This is the death of nearly one out of every three human beings on the planet within two years. We would likely see massive population displacements and refugee crises, the collapse of food and healthcare systems, and existential conflicts for survival between nations fighting for scarce resources. In short, civilization as we know it would cease to exist.

Nuclear weapons also increasingly lack utility. All technologies have life cycles and are eventually replaced by newer technologies. This is Cold War technology that has progressively less utility over time. They do nothing to protect us from cyber warfare, pandemics, the climate crisis, weaponized AI, or autonomous weapon systems. Yet we are planning to spend \$1.7 trillion in taxpayer money over the next thirty years to hold onto these legacy weapon systems for another fifty years.

This happens because nuclear weapons policy isn’t always based on rational security assessments but instead is often influenced by the interests of defense industry lobbyists and the calculations by members of Congress about how legislation will affect jobs in the home states or districts. One clear example of this is illustrated in this recent [article](#) from Responsible Statecraft and the Guardian highlighting that nine of the 12 members of the high-level congressional committee, the [Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States](#), charged with advising on the U.S.’s nuclear weapons strategy have direct financial ties to contractors that would benefit from the report’s recommendations or are employed at think tanks that receive considerable funding from weapons manufacturers.

As a result, this commission is recommending that the U.S. go beyond the \$1.7 trillion in planned spending and order even more weapons. This is based on the misguided and unexamined assumption that more weapons equals more safety. The US strategy is to just build more nukes. It's a mathematical solution to a problem that doesn't have a defined mathematical need. How many weapons do you actually need to hold the enemy at risk? What amount of damage do you credibly need to threaten? How much damage are you willing to sustain before you know you need to adjust your strategy? There is no detail about the numbers necessary to justify specific missions, yet it still suggests a major increase in numbers.

We need to change the starting assumption from "nuclear weapons make as safe" to "nuclear weapons are our greatest risk." Nuclear deterrence is a Faustian bargain that if we hold each other in increasing levels of catastrophic risk then we will be safe. It's a Sword of Damocles hanging over our heads and we can't solve this problem with a quick strike. We need to carefully untie this Gordian knot with education.

We need members of Congress to talk about transitioning to a new security paradigm that is not dependent on weapons that can end civilization. Unfortunately, there is a lack of vision and courage in Congress to even imagine this being in the realm of possibility.

Congressman Jim McGovern describes the problem as a lack of urgency in Congress. He wants the urgency of this existential threat to be normalized in Congressional debate. As a first step, he introduced H.Res.77 in the hope that with enough cosponsors we can set the stage for congressional briefing to educate more members of Congress on the risks of nuclear weapons.

Some in Congress might say that they like the idea of a world without nuclear weapons, but that it is idealism and we need to deal in realism. To that I say the realist view is the nuclear weapons are going to eventually fail and ignoring that reality and simply continuing to build more nukes in the unexamined belief that more nukes equals more safety is the height of idealism. The longer we hold on to them the greater the risk grows as more nations will try to acquire them, increasing the risk of conflicts escalating into nuclear war.

Some might ask if this is the right time to talk about this given the multiple conflicts in the world. My response is that even in a state of high tensions, there is historical precedent for making breakthroughs. At the height of the Cold War, Reagan and Gorbachev had realizations about the horrific humanitarian consequences of nuclear war. They genuinely wanted a future for their children and grandchildren without the threat of nuclear annihilation. They trusted each other. They were willing to be rebuffed by critics including their own advisors. They were determined to achieve complete elimination of nuclear weapons at their 1986 summit in Reykjavik. They ultimately failed to achieve that goal but did lay the groundwork for the 1987 Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Tragically, the Cold War architecture of arms control has largely been dismantled. We need to honor these Cold War accomplishments by deescalating tensions, restoring guardrails, and beginning new negotiations for a world free of all nuclear weapons. Please send this message to Congress by supporting SJ0002

ABOUT PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR MARYLAND

We are Marylanders working to reduce the threat of nuclear war by organizing a groundswell of Maryland citizens and organizations to support 1) the national Back from the Brink Call to Prevent Nuclear War; 2) similar resolutions at the state and local government levels; and 3) increase support for UN Treaty to abolish nuclear weapons.

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Senate Joint Resolution 2 – Use of Nuclear Weapons SUPPORT

Carrington & Associates, LLC strongly supports Senate Joint Resolution 2, introduced by Senators Carter, Lam and Muse. Specializing in strategic consulting, Carrington & Associates acknowledges the importance of this resolution in addressing nuclear weapons-related concerns.

Senate Joint Resolution 2 focuses on the urgent matter of nuclear weapons and aims to align Maryland with other states, counties, and municipalities by endorsing a Back from the Brink resolution. The resolution urges members of Maryland's Congressional Delegation to cosponsor House Resolution 77, endorsing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Furthermore, it calls upon the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the mentioned Treaty. We thank Representatives Jamie Raskin and Glenn Ivey for being co-sponsors of the U.S. House Resolution.

The resolution underlines the devastating impact of nuclear weapons, emphasizing the responsibility of nations possessing such arms. Carrington & Associates concurs with the resolution's emphasis on reducing the risk of nuclear war, especially given the potential consequences of human or mechanical errors.

The resolution highlights the substantial financial commitment to enhancing the U.S. nuclear arsenal and its implications on global arms races. Carrington & Associates recognizes the fiscal responsibility addressed in the resolution and the potential benefits of redirecting resources towards alternative priorities.

Acknowledging Maryland's unique vulnerability due to its proximity to Washington, D.C., Carrington & Associates supports the resolution's call for global cooperation. Our firm appreciates the resolution's alignment with the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and recognizes the importance of multilateral negotiations between nuclear nations.

In conclusion, Carrington & Associates, LLC believes that Senate Joint Resolution 2 demonstrates a conscientious approach to global security and supports Maryland's participation in efforts to reduce the risk of nuclear conflict and endorse disarmament initiatives.

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SJ0002 –Use of Nuclear Weapons
Hearing in Education, Energy and the Environment March 8, 2024
Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility strongly supports SJ0002. This resolution urges our federal government to make 5 common sense changes to reduce the risk of nuclear war and expresses support for the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

I am President of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility (CPSR), an organization founded over 40 years ago, to educate the public about the medical consequences of nuclear war. CPSR is part of national Physicians for Social Responsibility, the American affiliate of the Nobel Peace Prize winning International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). Our mission is to address the greatest public health threats of all: nuclear war and the climate crisis.

Seven state legislative bodies have passed similar “Back from the Brink” (BFTB) resolutions as have over 70 local governments across the country. Locally, Baltimore City, the city of Frederick, Montgomery County and Prince George's County, representing where **43% of Marylanders** live, have passed BFTB resolutions. A Congressional resolution, H.Res.77, similar to SJ0002 has 42 cosponsors including 2 Maryland Congressmen. Marylanders want to add their voices to this growing and long overdue change in Federal policy.

In addition to support for the U.N. Nuclear Ban treaty, this resolution calls for:

- 1) Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals**
- 2) Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first**
- 3) Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. President to launch a nuclear weapon**
- 4) Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert**
- 5) Cancelling the \$1.7 trillion plan to replace the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons.**

If even one nuclear bomb is launched in error, by impulse or intent, the deaths and injuries will be a total local catastrophe and outside help will be minimal or nonexistent. Hiroshima was the site of a small atomic bomb compared to today's arsenal and yet, in a city of 250,000 there were 66,000 immediate deaths and 140,000 deaths by the end of the year.

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/mp10.asp Most of those who died succumbed to their burns. Most of the hospitals were destroyed or severely damaged, 90% of the doctors and 88% of the nurses were dead or injured. Those who survived the initial bombing were left to suffer in pain without the aid of health professionals, pain medicines, bandages or transfusions.

<https://www.icrc.org/en/doc/resources/documents/misc/hiroshima-junod-120905.htm>

Why preventing nuclear war is a local issue:

It is a local issue because living in the shadow of our capital, if one bomb falls in DC, many Marylanders will be among the casualties and the Federal government will be unable to help.

It is a local issue because, in a limited nuclear war, Maryland would likely be ground zero for at least a half dozen nuclear bombs.

https://static.independent.co.uk/2023/02/09/17/11082355_10152719036461198_7393289887901148492_o.jpg?quality=75&width=1368&auto=webp

It is a local issue because, even if one bomb is launched in error, it could easily escalate to a global nuclear war, and everyone on the planet would be at risk. Worldwide, there could be an estimated 360 million direct deaths and another 5 billion people at risk of starvation over 2 years as soot from burning cities blocks the sunlight, dropping the earth to ice age temperatures, changing the growing season into a nuclear winter. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43016-022-00573-0/tables/1>

It is a local issue because, if we are lucky and there is no war, we are still paying an incredible amount in our taxes for these weapons. The Federal tax budget for FY 23 for the nuclear weapons complex was \$90 billion, and Marylanders paid an estimated \$2 billion. <https://www.psr-la.org/nuclear-costs>. That money could go to education, healthcare, housing, transportation, climate mitigation and smart security.

It is a local issue because, when the Federal government is not doing all that needs to be done, the states step up and do what they can. Examples are: Maryland passing Climate Solutions Now and raising the minimum wage in Maryland to \$15.

It is a local issue because, if this passes in Maryland, we will join 70 municipalities, 6 counties and 7 state legislative bodies in the United States, to give political support a President who wants to make these policy changes.

There have been at least 22 false alarms. “If the president responds to a false alarm, then he will have accidentally started a nuclear war,” said William Perry, Secretary of Defense under former President Clinton. “There's nothing he can do about that. The missiles cannot be called back and they cannot be destroyed.” As expressed by the BBC journalist, the problem is “the deeply flawed brains of bipedal apes in a process involving weapons with the power to flatten entire cities.” <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200807-the-nuclear-mistakes-that-could-have-ended-civilisation> In 2024, we have to worry about hackers, cyberattacks, and computer bots with policies that are 60 years old, before these dangers existed. These policies have to change.

Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility supports SJ0002 and urges a favorable vote. As physicians we know that after the bombs fall, there is no treatment. Prevention is our only prescription.

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Education, Energy and Environment Committee
Position: SUPPORT (FAVORABLE)

Testimony of James P. Wagner, Ph.D.
on behalf of a new group called Plant the Light

My favorable testimony focuses particularly on why this is a Maryland State issue. I enumerate these points below.

- 1) The Federal government is largely not acting, despite the collapse of cornerstone nuclear weapons treaties such as the INF (Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (in 2019), and Russia suspending its participation in the last remaining Treaty, the New START Treaty (about 1 year ago).
- 2) Given that Federal policy makers are not acting, and therefore also given that Marylanders are under an increasing threat from nuclear weapons, we want our State and Local Governments to fulfill their obligation to protect their citizens. We want State and Local Governments to step in and do everything within their powers to protect us from nuclear weapons. This Resolution (SJ 0002) is one thing that our State government can do towards its obligation to protect and serve its citizens.
- 3) In a sphere of activity where Federal action is lacking or where the activity is ostensibly Federal purview, there is substantial precedent for States taking their own, independent actions. Examples in Maryland include the State minimum wage, our State's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and our State's wide-ranging environmental legislation, in which facilities (including Federal facilities) must be permitted by Maryland and must follow Maryland Regulations. Nuclear weapons policy has traditionally been left up to the Federal government, but in the absence of Federal action, it is the obligation of State and Local governments to act with all their means on the issue.
- 4) To date, across the U.S., there is wide and growing consensus that State and Local governments have a right to be engaged in the conversation on nuclear weapons. 76 Municipalities and Counties and 7 state legislative bodies have already adopted Resolutions similar to SJ0002. <https://preventnuclearwar.org/whos-on-board/>
- 5) SJ0002 mirrors Federal Resolution, [H. Res. 77](#), and calls for support of it. It represents a collaboration between Maryland and the other jurisdictions across the country and the 43 enlightened members of Congress (those members thus far endorsing H.Res. 77) to reduce the nuclear threat. The Senate and House of Maryland have every right to make this statement and join in this collaboration. Indeed, with the [Doomsday Clock](#) now at 90 seconds to midnight, it is the duty of the Maryland Senate and House to join in this collaboration.

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SJ0002 Use of Nuclear Weapons
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
On March 8, 2024**

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Senate Joint Resolution 002, which is modeled after the groundbreaking initiative "Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons." This resolution presents a critical opportunity for our state to contribute to the global effort to reduce the catastrophic risks associated with nuclear weapons.

The "Back from the Brink" campaign offers a pragmatic and comprehensive approach to addressing the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons. Its five-point set of policy solutions provides a clear pathway towards significantly reducing the likelihood of nuclear conflict and advancing the cause of nuclear disarmament.

By endorsing Senate Joint Resolution 002, we affirm our commitment to:

- 1. Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first: This policy shift promotes a more responsible approach to national security by reducing the risk of nuclear escalation and prioritizing diplomacy and conflict resolution.**

- 2. Ending the president's unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack: Reining in presidential sole authority over nuclear weapons is essential for upholding democratic principles and ensuring that decisions with such far-reaching consequences are subject to careful consideration and oversight.**
- 3. Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert: Removing nuclear weapons from hair-trigger alert status reduces the risk of accidental or unauthorized launches, mitigating the potential for catastrophic miscalculations.**
- 4. Canceling the president's nuclear modernization program: Halting the costly and destabilizing nuclear modernization program frees up resources that can be redirected towards pressing human needs, such as healthcare, education, and climate action.**
- 5. Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals: Engaging in multilateral negotiations for nuclear disarmament demonstrates our commitment to fulfilling international obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and advancing the cause of peace and security for all nations.**

A favorable vote on Senate Joint Resolution 002 sends a powerful message that our state stands firmly on the side of sanity, safety, and humanity in the face of the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons. By joining the "Back from the Brink" campaign, we demonstrate leadership in promoting a world free from the specter of nuclear annihilation.

I urge a favorable vote to support this crucial resolution and seize this historic opportunity to advance the cause of peace, security, and disarmament.

Sincerely,

Senator Jill P. Carter

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BEYOND NUCLEAR

SJ0002 –Use of Nuclear Weapons Hearing in Education, Energy and the Environment MARCH 8, 2024: 9 am Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

Beyond Nuclear urges the Maryland Senate to pass SJ0002, a resolution asking the federal government to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and to enact the five policy points of the Back from the Brink (BFTB) campaign:

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- Ending presidential sole authority to initiate a nuclear launch
- Taking nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert.
- Ending the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal.
nuclear weapons.

It urges our U.S. representatives to cosponsor H.Res.77: which supports TPNW and BFTB.

Beyond Nuclear is a Takoma Park, Maryland-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks to educate and activate the public about the connections between nuclear weapons and nuclear power and the need to abandon both to safeguard our future. The organization works with diverse partners and allies to provide its members, the public, government officials, and the media with the critical information necessary to move humanity toward free from the threats of nuclear war or nuclear accident. Beyond Nuclear is a member organization of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize-winning network, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, one of the architects of the TPNW.

A nuclear war should never fought and cannot be won. The only way to ensure this never happens is to eradicate nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons do not serve as a deterrent. To do so, governments would need to have 100% certainty that there was no possibility of failure. This is unachievable. Nuclear weapons, even if not launched as act of war, could be launched accidentally, through a technical failure, by a rogue insider, or in response to a misinterpretation of threat such as a satellite launch. We have already experienced several close calls of the latter.

SJ0002 is similar to resolutions that have passed in seven state legislatures and 76 municipalities across the U.S as well as in Baltimore City, the city of Frederick, Prince George's County and Montgomery County – jurisdictions that include 43% of Maryland's population.

In FY 2023, the current nuclear weapons complex [cost](#) Americans an estimated \$90 billion and Marylanders more \$2 billion in taxes. This represents a terrible theft from the public health needs of our state and our nation as well as fueling a destabilizing nuclear arms race which increases the risk of unintended nuclear war by error, impulse or cyber-attack. In the shadow of Washington DC, Marylanders are close to ground zero. This is a local issue.

Global instability is growing and so are the nuclear weapon arsenals of the world's superpowers, especially the United States, Russia and China. This cannot end well and is a needless and reckless

expense at a time when all resources should be collectively directed toward addressing our ever-worsening climate crisis and other triggering stressors that could lead to war.

Beyond Nuclear urges the Maryland Senate to pass SJ0002, joining the growing list of state legislatures and local governments that have urged the United States Government and the President to end dangerous, expensive last century nuclear weapons policies, and reduce the risk of nuclear war while creating a multilateral pathway to nuclear disarmament.

If you have any questions, please contact: Linda Pentz Gunter, International Specialist, Beyond Nuclear, linda@beyondnuclear.org. 301-455-5655.

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Position: FAV

SJ0002 Resolution Concerning Nuclear Weapons

As a Marylander, I urge you to pass the Joint Senate resolution, SJ0002, concerning the Use of Nuclear Weapons. Similar resolutions have been passed by several Maryland cities and counties, including mine, Montgomery County, when citizens campaigned for a five point plan called Back from the Brink:

1. Negotiating nuclear disarmament with the other 8 nuclear nations, leading to endorsement of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
2. Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
3. Ending presidential sole authority to initiate a nuclear launch;
4. Taking nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert;
5. Ending the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal.

Following this policy will enhance the safety of Maryland residents, all of whom are so close to ground zero, Washington DC, by reducing the risk of nuclear devastation.

As a Catholic and a member of Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace Movement, I cherish the earth as the common home of all people. First, the environmental destruction from even a small nuclear weapon interchange would greatly impair the climate and life support systems, bringing starvation and severe suffering to many of this world. Secondly, the trillions of dollars designated for these deadly nuclear weapons' manufacture, modernization, and maintenance are being stolen from social programs that could address hunger, homelessness and health.

This resolution asks the Maryland legislature to urge the Maryland Congressional representatives, our Senators and the U.S. President to reduce the nuclear threat with practical measures of the Back from the Brink plan.

Pass this resolution and all of Maryland, the people of the world, and the earth, our common home, will benefit from your courage.

Lucille Mostello, M.D.

Gaithersburg, MD

Board member of Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore

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Position: FAV



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

SJ 002 - Use of Nuclear Weapons

POSITION: Support

By: Linda T. Kohn, President

Date: March 8, 2024

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.

Prevent Nuclear war SJ2.pdf

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Position: FAV

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and esteemed EEE Members:

In the interest of the safety of Maryland citizens I urge you to give favorable report to SJ2-- Use of Nuclear Weapons.

As the confrontation between nuclear powers grows a majority of Americans feel that no country should be allowed to have nuclear weapons. See

<https://globalaffairs.org/commentary-and-analysis/blogs/do-nukes-make-us-safer-americans->

Resolution SJ2 urges our U.S. government to re-activate the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear War (signed by the U.S. in 1968) and to enact the five policy points of the Back from the Brink (BFTB) campaign:

- Negotiating nuclear disarmament with the other 8 nuclear nations.
- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first.
- Ending presidential sole authority to initiate a nuclear launch
- Taking nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert.
- Ending the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal.

It urges our U.S. representatives to cosponsor H.Res.77: which supports the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear War and Back from the Brink.

Similar resolutions to SJ2 have passed in 7 state legislatures and 76 municipalities across the U.S. In Maryland, local resolutions like SJ2 have already passed in Baltimore City, the city of Frederick, Prince George's County and Montgomery County – jurisdictions that include 43% of Maryland's population.

This is a local issue. With proximity to Washington DC, Marylanders are close to ground zero. An unintended nuclear explosion is just as disastrous to our way of life and that of our progeny. Nuclear disaster can be triggered by error, intention, impulse or cyber-attack.

Please give favorable report to SJ2 (HJ3) so that it can realize passage in the MD General assembly, joining municipalities across Maryland and the U.S. in urging the United States Government and the President to end dangerous, expensive last-century nuclear weapons policies and reduce the risk of nuclear war while creating a multilateral pathway to nuclear disarmament.

Respectfully,
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Fellerath-Lowell Testimony for MD Senate Resolutio

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Position: FAV

Testimony for MD Senate Resolution SJ0002

As a Maryland voter, I ask you to vote for SJ2. As a representative of Pax Christi USA, the Catholic peace movement, and, as a member locally with Pax Christi - St. John the Baptist in Silver Spring, MD, I have advocated for the abolition of nuclear weapons for more than 35 years. Today, these weapons are much more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb. Dr. Ira Helfand has estimated that a relatively small nuclear exchange could kill twenty million people immediately and by radiation, within the first week. The U.S. government was eliminating these weapons but has stopped, and is now committing a trillion dollars to "modernize" its nuclear weapons. We must make our state-level voices heard against this. We must call for federal safeguards against these weapons and then for their elimination.

Why is this a STATE issue? 1) If accidentally, or by an act of war, a weapon is detonated, we in Maryland would be in danger of death, living so close to DC., which would be a natural target. 2) A nuclear exchange anywhere in the world would cause a climate catastrophe, that is, it would throw so much ash into the atmosphere that nuclear winter and famine would result, affecting at least a third of the earth. 4) Nuclear weapons and defense spending absorb a large amount of Marylanders' tax dollars which could be used locally instead.

I urge you to support SJ0002. Thank you.

Veronica Fellerath-Lowell, Silver Spring, MD

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Position: FAV



CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

Support Senate Joint Resolution 2 - Use of Nuclear Weapons **Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee** **March 8, 2024**

The City of Takoma Park supports and urges favorable consideration of this bill, which adopts a “Back from the Brink” resolution aimed at reducing the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons.

The City of Takoma Park is a densely developed, largely residential municipality of almost 18,000 people living within 2.4 square miles in Montgomery County, right along the District of Columbia line.

Takoma Park has been a nuclear-free zone for over 40 years. The City Council voted unanimously in December 1983 to ban activities involving producing, transporting, storage, disposal and activation of nuclear weapons within the City, an unprecedented decision at the time for a municipality. As a Nuclear-Free Zone, Takoma Park prohibits work on nuclear weapons and limits harmful exposure to high-level nuclear waste. Additionally, the City urges redirecting resources previously used for nuclear weapons and nuclear power generation towards endeavors which promote and enhance life, such as human services including but not limited to housing, food insecurity, and childcare.

In November 2023, the City of Takoma Park joined over 200 local, county, and state officials calling on President Biden to confront the existential threat to humanity posed by nuclear weapons. It is in that spirit that we urge Maryland to join seven other states in urging our nation to step “Back from the Brink.” The City of Takoma Park supports joint House bill 0003 and urges a favorable vote.

TTF Testimony on SJ 2 - Written.pdf

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Position: FAV

SJ0002 –Use of Nuclear Weapons
Hearing in EEE Committee MARCH 8, 2024: 9 am
Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

Chairman Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan, members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

I am Dr Terry Fitzgerald. I am a voting Maryland citizen in District 41, a physician, a member of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility, and a grandfather. I urge you to approve SJ 2, a resolution that seeks to preserve life by calling on the federal government to take actions that could reduce the risk of nuclear war.

At my birthday last week I turned 75 years old. When my youngest grandchild turns that age, the year will be 2098. Statistically, even if there is only a small risk of nuclear war each year, we are almost certain to suffer that catastrophe by that time...**UNLESS** we take steps now to reduce that risk.

SJ 2 is one such step. The national government often requires leadership from individuals who are close to the population. Those individuals are you.

After the immediate awe-full effects of the detonation of a **single** nuclear bomb – the unimaginable fireball, the incineration of everything nearby that can burn or melt, the literal vaporization of humans (leaving only a shadow on the concrete), the unimaginable overpressures, the devastating winds which turn every bit of debris including shards of glass into penetrating missiles which tear up the flesh of any living thing in their path – after all that, there will be darkness and stillness.

Screams will begin – for help... for death. But no help will be on the way. I have been residency trained and board certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. But my years of training and our centuries of medical progress will be of no value – because the hospitals will be destroyed and most medical personnel will themselves be dead or severely wounded. Any facility that remains will be able to offer only limited first aid. And assistance from outside the area of devastation will be limited by the destruction of roads, bridges, etc, AND by the danger to any person entering the area soon after the explosion. Thousands of burn victims could be expected. In all of the United States there are only up to 1700 specialty burn beds.

As a medical specialist I can tell you this: There is no treatment for a disaster like this. No treatment. Only prevention.

As a grandparent I can tell you this: I have looked into the eyes of a 1 year old child and seen the terror of nuclear war. I plead with you to take this action to prove my vision wrong.

Vote **FAVORABLE** on SJ 2

As an addendum, I would urge you to look at the first of a series of articles on this subject that are appearing in the New York Times. The series is entitled “At the Brink.” The first article was published on March 4, 2024. It is called “The Brink.” Be advised: In order to read the articles

you will need to keep scrolling down, even when it seems that you are not moving. The page will become darker and eventually you will move to the text. The links follow:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/03/04/opinion/nuclear-weapons-nytimes.html?unlocked_article_code=1.a00.UpKX.TwyP2k8yIbrG&smid=url-share

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Position: FAV

SJ0002 –Use of Nuclear Weapons

Hearing in Education, Energy and the Environment MARCH 8, 2024: 9 am

Position: SUPPORT (FAV)

Testimony of Victor Thuronyi

My name is Victor Thuronyi. I am a citizen of Maryland and a member of the Maryland bar. In the 1980s, I taught a seminar at SUNY-Buffalo law school where I was an associate professor of law, on the topic of nuclear weapons law and policy. This led me to read the relevant literature on the public international law of nuclear weapons as well as the policy arguments concerning the nuclear arsenal. More recently, I served as Chair of the City of Takoma Park's Nuclear-Free Committee. The City Council abolished the committee in 2024 as part of a streamlining process, but maintained intact the Nuclear Free Zone portion of the City Code, which prohibits the City from contracting with nuclear weapons manufacturers. I am therefore familiar with overall nuclear weapons policy as well as local action taken with a view to influencing national policy.

Nuclear war is an example of an issue that few voters currently think much about, both because the risk seems remote, it is complex, the consequences of nuclear war are too horrifying for most people to wrap their minds around, and the existing position seems so entrenched that it is difficult to change it. Nevertheless, if a nuclear war were to occur, it would surely become the dominant political issue, if there were any politicians left around to deal with it. My experience in Takoma Park is that there is strong support for change in U.S. nuclear weapons policy, along the lines of the contents of SJ2. It would be wise for Maryland Senators to reflect what the people want and pass this resolution.

As a legal matter, the resolution is largely symbolic. Although it is aimed at national policy, the resolution does not get involved in details of that policy. Appropriately, the resolution communicates an overall policy goal to the Federal government, and asks that the goal be implemented. This is entirely appropriate for a State legislature, especially given the important ramifications of Federal policy in this area for the State. Specifically, the consequences of nuclear war would be horrific for the State of Maryland, and the Maryland legislature should take action tending to reduce the risk of nuclear war. Moreover, the budgetary impact for Maryland of Federal expenditures on nuclear weapons modernization are large. If fewer Federal funds were spent in this way, there would be more for Maryland: either more money in the pockets of Maryland taxpayers, more fiscal space for Maryland to tax, more Federal budget support for Maryland, or a combination of these.

My testimony focuses on a specific aspect of the resolution, namely, its call to

- Take nuclear weapons off of hair trigger alert; and
- End the expensive, destabilizing plans to modernize our nuclear weapons arsenal.

Hair-trigger alert refers especially to the land-based arsenal. The basic theory of that arsenal is simple. Land-based missiles are relatively easy and quick to launch, compared with air-based or sea-based missiles. They also tend to be quite powerful, being heavy and able to contain multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles. One missile would easily destroy a city. The problem with these land-based missiles is that they are destabilizing and increase the danger of nuclear war.

Experts agree that a likely scenario for nuclear war is an accidental nuclear exchange. Because of sophisticated sensors, the U.S. military is constantly receiving information about possible nuclear launches. From time to time, this information produces what can be called a false positive, namely information that a nuclear attack on the United States, from a country like Russia, China, or North Korea, is underway. The difficulty is that there is not much time to analyze this information and determine whether it is a false alarm. At a time of heightened crisis, the receipt of information that a nuclear launch is underway can trigger a U.S. response, particularly by way of launching land-based missiles. There are only minutes to decide whether to launch the missiles, and they cannot be recalled after launch.

The reason that land-based missiles would tend to be launched in response to warnings of an attack on the U.S. is that an adversary who is launching a nuclear attack would likely first aim their attack on the land-based missiles in the U.S. By taking those missiles out, the nuclear adversary would help ensure its own safety because a failure to take out the land-based missiles would result in the U.S. being able to launch a devastating strike which would totally destroy the country launching the strike against the U.S. That is why land-based missiles are a top target for other countries. Air- and sea-based missiles are quite different, because they are not vulnerable to a first strike. Reliance on air and sea-based missiles lowers the risk that the U.S. would launch a nuclear strike in response to warnings that it is under attack. The President and Pentagon would have time to analyze the situation. In the horrible event that a nuclear attack had been launched, they could still order a devastating retaliatory strike using air and sea-launched missiles.

This analysis makes it clear that a reduced reliance on land-based missiles, and their eventual elimination as part of arms control agreements, would make the world a safer place pending complete elimination of nuclear arsenals as part of arms control talks. Unfortunately, the U.S. is moving in the opposite direction by spending money to upgrade the land-based arsenal. SJ2 would communicate a policy direction to Congress to take a different approach and reduce the danger of nuclear war. And save a large amount of money to boot.

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Position: UNF

SJ0002 – UNFavorable

Nelda Fink

MD District 32

UNFavorable.

Since I don't know all the details of US resolution 77 and since you don't provide all those details, I'm not in favor of this bill. We have seen enough of our federal dollars hemorrhage out of our pockets and go to other UN interests as aid. If there is no money associated with this Resolution 77, then you should state that in the bill if you want others to support it.

I ask for an unfavorable report until more information is provided to the citizens of Maryland.

Thank you.

Nelda Fink

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Position: UNF

SJ0002 OPPOSE

Use of Nuclear Weapons

Dear Committee Members:

This tactic of taking away weapons from sovereign nations sounds a lot like the attempt to take away weapons from law-abiding citizens. I believe this is part of a plan to disarm any country who stands up to the United Nations and NATO, who does not bend to the will of those pushing the New World Order.

Please oppose SJ0002.

Thank you.

Peggy Williams

Severna Park

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SJ0002 Threat to Sovereign Nations.pdf

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Position: UNF

SJ0002 IS A BAD AND DANGEROUS BILL and a THREAT to all Sovereign Nations, Vote NO!
Why is Jill Carter more concerned about world affairs than the affairs of her/our own country?
and our own BORDER CRISIS? Who is really behind this disaster of a bill?

If you understand the BIG Picture on a global scale, this is a PRO-UN support bill to STOP
anyone in their way. In the current scheme of events I support countries protecting themselves
or having this nuclear protection to DETER bad actors with whom are running amuck.

If every country disarmed on a global scale this would be great but that is NOT what this bad bill
is presenting or offering.

NO to SJ0002

Suzanne Price
AACo, MD

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Position: UNF

Please **OPPOSE** Senate Joint Resolution 2
Use of Nuclear Weapons

At first I was going to write a complaint letter stating that Senate Resolutions are no place for frivolous satire and then I realized that this bill is supposedly serious. The lack of understanding of military conflict, US nuclear security and the lack of pondering of numerous worse case scenarios embodied in this bill is beyond astounding. Seriously, this is mind numbing in its lack of informed research or first hand knowledge beyond perhaps a casual Wikipedia search. Such resolutions are nothing more than pandering virtue signaling which serves no purpose but that of an ideological purity test. Sometimes people get too wrapped up in an echo chamber of consensus without the injection of a critical voice of diverse vision as has apparently happened with this resolution. This resolution is beneath the dignity of an esteemed body such as the Maryland Senate and should be disregarded.

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