

HJ0006/SJ0004: FAV

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Dear Rules and Executive Nominations Committee members,

As a Maryland citizen, I am writing to express my strong support for HJ0006/SJ0004, Use of Nuclear Weapons. I have long been profoundly concerned by the extreme danger nuclear weapons pose to humanity, and I am grateful that members of the Maryland General Assembly are joining with so many others to work against this threat.

Endorsing the goals of the Back from Brink movement and urging Maryland's representatives at the federal level to do the same is vitally important, given current conditions such as

1. the heightened tensions among nuclear-weapons-holding states around the world, especially the tensions between the United States and Russia;
2. the dangers posed by an erratic or irresponsible head of state with authority over nuclear weapons;
3. and the urgent need to allocate funds to help people rather than building more weapons of mass destruction.

For all these reasons, I strongly support HJ0006/SJ0004 and urge Committee members to do the same.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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