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### **House Joint Resolution 3 – Use of Nuclear Weapons SUPPORT**

Carrington & Associates, LLC strongly supports House Joint Resolution 3, introduced by Delegates Williams, Acevero, Fair, Fennell, Ivey, Kaufman, Martinez, McCaskill, Palakovich Carr, Phillips, Ruff, Ruth, Smith, Taveras, Taylor, Turner, Vogel, Wilkins, and Young. Specializing in strategic consulting, Carrington & Associates acknowledges the importance of this resolution in addressing nuclear weapons-related concerns.

House Joint Resolution 3 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 House Joint Resolution 3 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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