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The Honorable Delegate Anne Healey
Chair of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Joint Resolution 0003

Good afternoon, Chair Healey, Vice Chair Holmes, and the members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams of District 22, and I will be testifying in favor of House Joint Resolution 3, also known as the **Use of Nuclear Weapons**. The purpose of this resolution is to reduce the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons within the United States, and, ultimately, the World. If we pass this resolution here at the Maryland General Assembly, we be joining seven state legislative bodies and over seventy-five municipalities and counties in support of this measure.

Within the world, there are over 13,000 nuclear weapons. A majority of these deadly weapons are in position by the United States and Russia. Being that the United States owns a large portion of the nuclear weapons worldwide, we, as Americans, have the power to create a difference in the usage possibility of nuclear weapons everywhere. We strongly urge the United States President and members of the United States Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that would prohibit any form of nuclear activity. This treaty has already been implemented in 69 nations as of August 6, 2023. The United States can, and should, join many other countries, working towards a safer world for all.

Additionally, we urge members of the State's Congressional Delegation to cosponsor House Resolution 77, which supports the guidelines of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Both these acts work to reduce the chances that nuclear weapons cause extensive harm.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Joint Resolution 3.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.