



# CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

## **Support Senate Joint Resolution 4**

### **Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution**

#### **Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

**March 12, 2026**

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 nearly 18,000 people living within 2.4 square miles in Montgomery County, along the Washington, D.C. border. Takoma Park has been a nuclear-free zone for over 40 years. The City Council voted unanimously in December 1983 to ban activities involving production, transporting, 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 prohibits doing business with companies involved in nuclear weapon manufacturing and encourages redirecting funds from nuclear weapons and nuclear power generation to initiatives that improve quality of life, such as housing, addressing food insecurity, and providing childcare.

The City of Takoma Park joined nearly 100 communities on July 31, 2024, and passed a resolution calling for a global effort to prevent nuclear war. It is in that spirit that we urge Maryland to join six other states in urging our nation to step “Back from the Brink.” The City of Takoma Park supports Senate Joint Resolution 4 and urges a favorable vote.

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