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TO: The Honorable, Anne Healey Chair
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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Joint Resolution 12 – *Presidential Authority Over the Use of Nuclear Weapons*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 7,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, **supports** House Joint Resolution 12.

The American Medical Association (AMA) adopted *Resolution 525 – Medical Consequences of Nuclear War and the Need to Abolish Nuclear Weapons* at its Annual Meeting in 2015. Resolution 525 includes a resolve which states "Resolved, that the American Medical Association urge the U.S. and all national governments to continue to work to ban and eliminate nuclear weapons." Consistent with the intent of the AMA Resolution, MedChi endorses HJ0012. This resolution, introduced by Delegate Queen, would direct our Congressional Delegation to limit the sole power of the President to launch a nuclear strike. Given the unparalleled destruction, suffering and death caused by even the smallest nuclear weapon and the inability of physicians to offer meaningful care in such a disaster, MedChi recommends a favorable report on HJ0012.

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