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*Middleton*  
At the request of: Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility *Reisinger*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

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Referred to: **RESOLUTION** Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

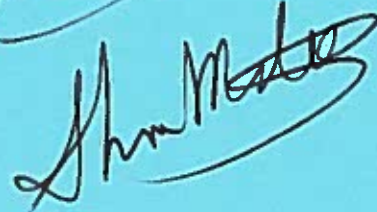

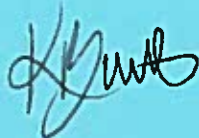
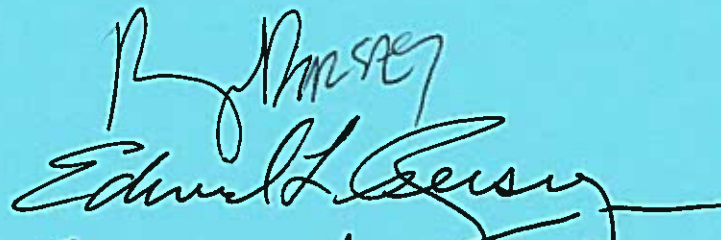
CITY COUNCIL *18-0096R*

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

**Request for Federal Action – Move Back From the Brink and Toward Nuclear  
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FOR the purpose of calling on Congress to act to move back from the brink of a policy that makes  
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request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the  
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## Agencies

Baltimore City Public School System

**Baltimore Development Corporation**

**City Solicitor**

**Comptroller's Office**

Department of Audits

Department of Finance

Department of General Services

Department of Housing and Community Development

Department of Human Resources

Department of Planning

Others:

Other:

Other:

Department of Public Works

Department of Real Estate

Department of Recreation and Parks

Department of Transportation

## Fire Department

Health Department

**Mayor's Office of Employment Development**

**Mayor's Office of Human Services**

Mayor's Office of Information Technology

Office of the Mayor

**Police Department**

Other:

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## Boards and Commissions

## Board of Estimates

## Board of Ethics

## Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation

## Commission on Sustainability

## Employees' Retirement System

Others:

**Other:**

Others:

## Environmental Control Board

## Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System

## Labor Commissioner

### Parking Authority Board

## Planning Commission

## Wage Commission

Other:

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0096R  
(Resolution)**

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**WHEREAS**, the danger of nuclear war is growing as climate change puts increased stress on communities around the world increasing the likelihood of conflict.

**WHEREAS**, the planned expenditure of more than \$1.2 trillion to enhance our nuclear arsenal will exacerbate these dangers by fueling a global arms race and will divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people.

**WHEREAS**, just in the past year, Baltimoreans averaged \$175 per capita for "a nuclear weapons war tax" paying a collective \$107.5 million in federal taxes towards the cost of producing, deploying and maintaining nuclear weapons. Marylanders as a whole averaged \$244 per capita, with the State collectively paying an estimated \$1.47 billion in 2017 federal taxes towards our country's annual cost of nuclear weapons; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

## Council Bill 18-0096R

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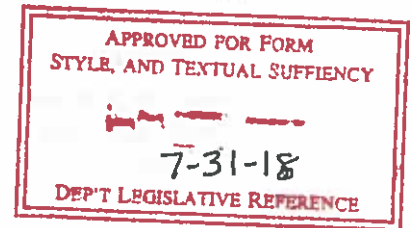
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14       Council calls on Congress to act to move back from the brink of a policy that makes nuclear war  
15       more likely.

16       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
17       Maryland Delegation to the 115<sup>th</sup> United States Congress, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to  
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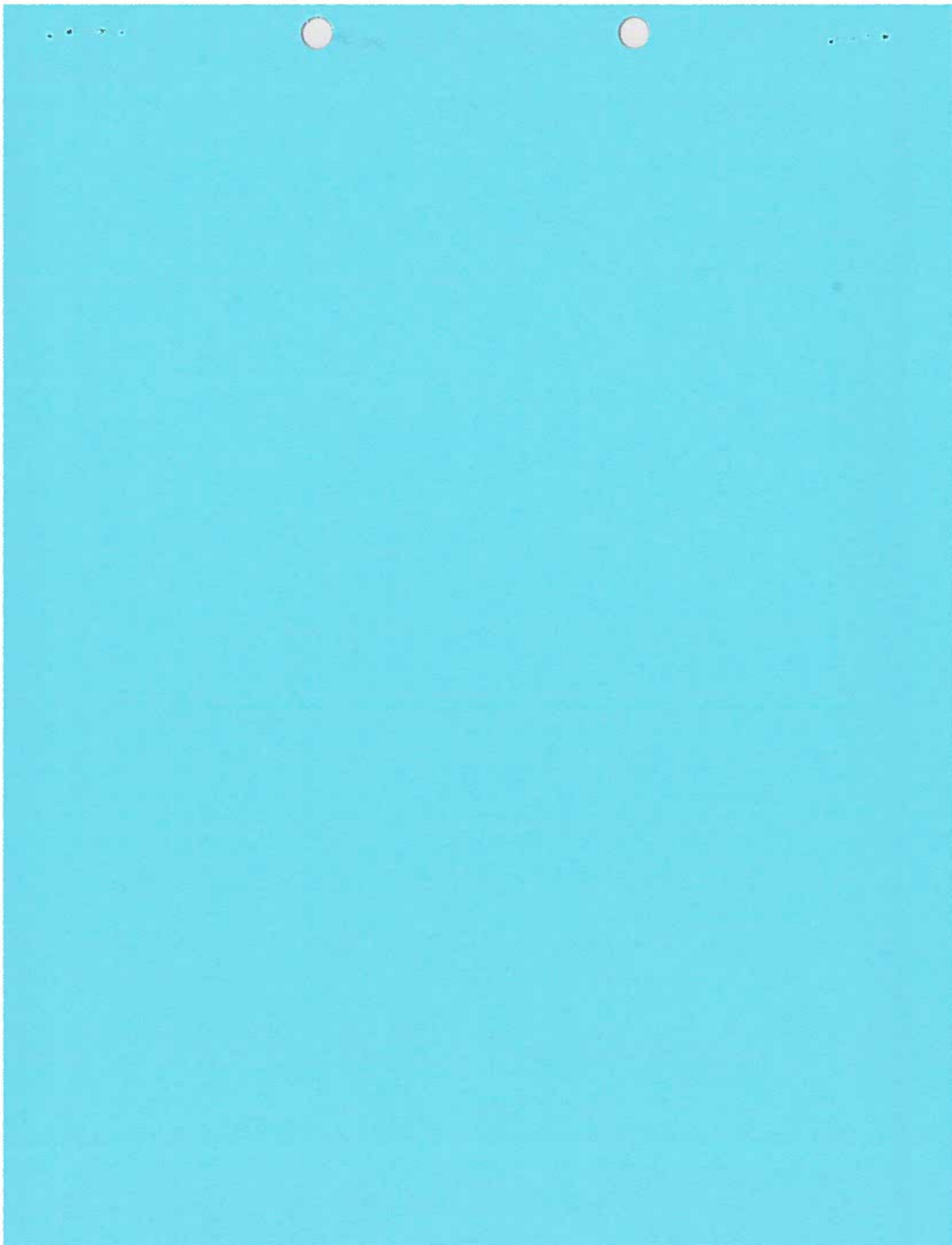
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# ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

AUG 06 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk