California State Assembly AJR 30 Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017

Sacramento, California - Today, the California State Assembly passed AJR 30, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017. Executive Director of Women’s Action for New Directions Nancy Parrish, released the following statement applauding its passage:

“California is one step closer to making history as the first state to pass a resolution opposing the President’s sole authority to launch a nuclear weapon. The people of the United States are terrified that the President will make a rash decision and launch a nuclear weapon - and that no one can stop him once he does. As a California native, I am incredibly proud to see my home state lead the way as it has so many times before. I look forward to the state Senate taking up and passing this resolution as soon as possible. California will send a strong message to Congress: no single person should have the ability to start a nuclear war.”

AJR 30 was introduced by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, AD 4, who, in response to the bill moving to the Senate, said, “no individual should have the unilateral power to change the course of human history and the health of our world. Our constitution protects against such despotism through the balance of powers. All I ask with this resolution is for our Delegation to support a federal bill that requires any president to seek the input of his or her Congressional colleagues before ending the lives of millions of human beings, and the inevitable retaliation against the United States.”