

SENATOR SARAH ELFRETH  
*Legislative District 30*  
Anne Arundel County

Budget and Taxation Committee

*Subcommittees*

Education, Business and Administration

Chair, Pensions

*Senate Chair*

Joint Committee on Administrative,  
Executive, and Legislative Review

Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and  
Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 103  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3578 · 301-858-3578  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3578  
Fax 410-841-3156 · 301-858-3156  
Sarah.Elfreth@senate.state.md.us

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

January 22, 2020

**Testimony in Favor of SB203**  
**Income Tax Checkoff - Maryland Veterans Trust Fund**

Chairman Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 203. This bill would require the Comptroller to place a checkbox on income tax returns for individuals to donate directly to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

The Maryland Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to veterans and their families with rent, mortgage, and utility expenses. This fund has a proven history of success in aiding veterans as last year alone awarded over \$106,000 to dozens of veterans.

The Maryland Veterans Trust Fund's Report to the General Assembly highlights examples of how the Fund supports the heroes in our communities: \$3,560 to cover past due rent for a veteran in Prince George's County who had a recent medical emergency and was on leave without pay and \$3,511 to pay the past due electric bill for a veteran in Wicomico County who was in a car accident and out of work for a prolonged period.

You will find testimony from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Military Coalition, and The American Legion Maryland Department in support of this simple yet impactful legislation.

Including an income tax checkbox to ensure more funding for the Veterans Trust Fund will provide greater support for those who courageously served our nation. I ask for your support on Senate Bill 203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Elfret".

Sarah Elfret