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The Honorable Carol L. Krimm
6 Bladen Street, Room 422
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Delegate Carol L. Krimm,

My name is Chalita Dudley and I reside in Washington, DC. I am a member and serve as the Chaplain at Prince Georges County Elks Lodge 1778 in Riverdale Maryland. I was introduced to Elkdom by a friend of mine and once I learned what the organization was all about, I decided to join this specific lodge two (2) years ago because I saw and experienced people helping people. Ordinary people of all races and cultures reaching out and supporting not just veterans, special needs children, people less fortunate than others, but brothers and sisters not blood related helping each other.

I am writing you to ask that you help fraternal organizations like the B.P.O. Elks gain access to funds through Instant Ticket Lottery Machines in the form of support for "Slots" for Homeless Veterans Act (HB 131/2020). Although, we pay dues and create budgets for the many charities that we assist in, it just doesn't seem to be enough to reach the multitudes in our community the way we would like. Passing this bill will afford my lodge to reach and teach more in the community. The principles of our Order are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We will be able to uphold the principles of our Order better with the passing of this bill.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know that you support the Bill that would strengthen our community and assist homeless Veterans.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Chalita Dudley
Chaplain and Member, Prince George's Elks Lodge #1778