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Vote Yes on House Bill HB:1110

Bill Title: Income Tax-Subtraction Modification-Military Retirement Income

Hearing Date: March 6, 2020

Chair: Delegate Anne Kaiser, Ways and Means

Good afternoon madam chair, vice chair, and members of the Ways and Means Committee. My name is Damola Orimolade, I am an intern in the office of Delegate Nick Charles and I am here in asking for a favorable report of **House Bill: 1110 – Income Tax-Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income.**

This bill serves as a catalyst to help our most vulnerable veterans. Those who gave so much of their life to this country and this state and are now 100% Disabled with a rating from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

This bill would create a tax savings for a retired military veteran who has a 100% disability rating from the VA.

Under current law the first \$15,000 of military retirement income for a veteran who is at least 55 years old can be written off on their taxes.

If this passes when a veteran meets the profile of being retired and 100% disabled from the VA, they would be able to write off the first \$30,000 of their retirement income.

Again, this bill is for a small subset group of veterans who need it most. Not every veteran is retired from military service and not every veteran has a 100% disability rating from the United States Veteran Affairs. So, the impact is limited on the state.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the bill. I ask you all for a favorable report for HB1110.

Sincerely,
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Maryland State Delegate - District 25