

ORAL STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF HB 1110
BEFORE THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
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- Good afternoon Madam Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and distinguished members of the House Ways and Means Committee. I'm..... and I represent the over 48,000 members, both active duty and veterans here in Maryland who belong to The American Legion Department of Maryland.
- We strongly believe House Bill 1110 would be immensely helpful to a one hundred percent disabled veteran especially in meeting the most basic expenses of food, clothing and shelter.
- The base compensation for a sole veteran with a 100 percent disability rating is just over Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars annually with increases based on the number of family dependents or care givers.
- A reduction of thirty thousand dollars from just VA payments would certainly aid the veteran who gave more than his or her comrades who returned without injury and who, in all probability, daily endures anguish and pain from the wounds of war.
- The American Legion believes this is the proper response from a State that cares for its wounded military and respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1100. Thank you.