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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1110  
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION –  
MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

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Madam Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and distinguished members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

The American Legion Department of Maryland strongly believes House Bill 1110 is a rightful, just way to honor members of the armed forces who have suffered from combat injuries so severe to be certified by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs as one hundred percent (100%) disabled.

The base payment, according to Veterans Affairs, for a sole individual is \$3,106.04 monthly and \$37,272.48 annually. There are gradual rises in compensation levels based on the number of members in the veteran's household including spouse, number of parents, number of children etc.

We believe the reduction of the first thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) on solely military retirement income received by the wounded service member is the fair, compassionate way to recognize the severity of his or her injuries as well as the post traumatic pain most, if not all, undergo who are in the 100 percent disabled category must tragically endure.

The American Legion representing over 48,000 active duty personnel, veterans who have served in most all wars and conflicts along with their families believe it is past time to honor these true warriors and respectfully request a favorable report of HB 1110.

Yours, respectfully

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