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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 574- Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income - FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Army Alliance, I am pleased to support the referenced legislation and I thank you for its introduction.

The Army Alliance is a nonprofit advocacy organization whose sole mission is to provide support for one of our major military installations in the State – the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). From its founding in 1917, APG has grown into the central research facility for the United States Army. One of 12 such military installations in our state, APG is also the largest employer in northeastern, Maryland.

As a major employer, APG has a unique challenge. It faces the issues all employers face in our information-based economy, which is securing a steady flow of qualified workers to carry out its mission. In addition to its need for a highly qualified workforce, for national security reasons, APG also requires workers who possess an active security clearance. These workers are often military retirees. APG and our other military installations face a future shortage of these individuals, and one way to address that shortage is to encourage military retirees with security clearances to locate in Maryland.

Respectfully, therefore, the Army Alliance requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 574

Very truly yours,



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cc: Anthony Lisuzzo President, Army Alliance
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