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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary & Committee Members  
Ways and Means Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
131 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Madam Chair and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports HB 277 Public Schools – Purple Star Schools Program – Establishment.

Sincerely,

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George W. Owings III  
Secretary

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