

TO: Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: February 19, 2024

RE: HB548 -Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on HB548 -Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances. This bill was sponsored by Delegate Pam Guzzone for the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and <u>recommends support and a favorable report of HB548.</u>

Thank you,

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Delegate Mike Rogers

House Chair, Veterans Caucus