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

Subject: **Request FAVORABLE Report** – SB0194 – Income and Property Tax Incentives – Members and Veterans of the Space Force – Application

Dear Chair Guzzone and distinguished members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) and as its Legislative Director, I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0194, Income and Property Tax Incentives – Members and Veterans of the Space Force – Application**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill is a continuation of the centralization and modernization of Maryland's Code with respect to military terms, synchronizing it with the federal code related to the armed forces by including the Space Force.

The MMC supports this bill as it updates three Articles of the Maryland Code by including members and veterans of the Space Force. The Space Force was created in 2019. It was established to organize, train and equip space forces to protect U.S. and allied interests in space, taking over the functions of the former U.S. Air Force Space Command. This bill will provide these individuals with the same privileges already in the Code for members and veterans of the other branches of the armed forces.

The Maryland Military Coalition **supports SB0194** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Budget and Taxation Committee.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of prominent Maryland-based veteran and military groups, representing over 150,000 service-connected individuals, including those currently serving, veterans, retirees and their families, caregivers, and survivors.

We want to thank Senator Simonaire for sponsoring this legislation and his strong commitment to the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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