



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

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The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Request for a **Favorable** Report – HB0139 – Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Day – Veterans’ Day

Dear Chair Wilkins and Distinguished Members of the Ways and Means Committee

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition¹ (MMC), I write to recommend a **Favorable Report** by the Committee on **HB0139 – Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Day – Veterans’ Day**, sponsored by Delegate Mike Rogers. According to the Department of Veterans and Military Families, Maryland is home to approximately 360,000 veterans². This bill provides a tax-free day on Veterans’s Day where the price of the item for sale is less than \$2,000.

Enacting a tax-free day for veterans annually on November 11th recognizes the contribution they made to our nation. Additional spending generated by veterans on the tax free day will contribute to Maryland’s economy. In addition, per the Fiscal and Policy Note for this bill, there would a minimal reduction in revenue to the General Fund (GF) and to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund (BMFF). As such, the MMC believes there would be no material impact to the State’s fiscal condition.

The MMC **strongly supports** HB0139 - Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Day – Veterans’ Day, and asks for a **FAVORABLE report** due to the minimal impact a one-day tax-free will have on the GF and BMFF.

The MMC 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. For further information and a list of our member organizations, visit our website at <https://mdmilcoalition.org/>

We want to thank Delegate Rogers for sponsoring this legislation and his continued support of the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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President

¹ See attached list of member organizations.

² <https://veterans.maryland.gov/Pages/Landing-Zone-Maryland.aspx>