



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

February 12, 2026

Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins  
Ways and Means Committee  
130 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for House Bill 783 – Washington County Property Tax Credit – Platoon 22,  
Incorporated

Dear Delegate Wilkins,

The Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) unanimously support the passage of HB 783. As currently drafted, HB 783 would require the Board to grant a property tax credit equal to 100% of the County or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned by Platoon 22, Incorporated, and used to provide housing to veterans.

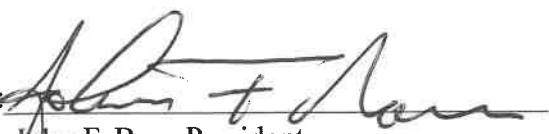
Platoon 22, Inc., is a nonprofit organization focused on combating veteran suicide and fostering meaningful connections and comprehensive support for veterans. They provide mental health support, housing assistance, transportation, create peer support groups and other community-building efforts, and work to raise awareness about veteran suicide and mental health issues.

The State of Maryland is proud of its veterans, and the Board wishes to show further support to veterans in Washington County by enacting legislation that supports Platoon 22, Inc.’s mission. Specifically, HB 783 will reduce the tax burden for real property Platoon 22, Inc. owns, provided that the real property is being used to provide housing to veterans. The fiscal impact of HB 783 is minimal to the State—indeed the bill only purports to provide property tax credits for county or municipal property taxes. Accordingly, this bill will aid veterans and promote community support without constituting any strain on State resources.

For these reasons, the Board respectfully asks that the Committee issue a favorable report and support the passage of HB 783.

Sincerely,

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