



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

### SENATE BILL 318 – SUPPORT

4 February 2020

Senator Paul G. Pinsky and Members of the  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Military Coalition to offer our **support for Senate Bill 318**.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a 501(c)4 social welfare organization, incorporated in the State of Maryland. We are an alliance of sixteen organizations representing over 100,000 members, about one fourth of Maryland's Veterans. Our coalition partners and signatories are listed on the following page.

Our mission is to advocate in the Maryland general assembly and throughout Maryland state government in order to improve the benefits and quality of life programs for Veterans, Service members, and their Families.

We believe that **Senate Bill 318** advances our goal of supporting measures that honor those that are serving, or have served, as well as their families.

This important legislation ensures that the spouse or financially dependent child of an active duty Service member or an honorably discharged Veteran, who uses the GI Bill benefits of the Service member or Veteran, is and will remain entitled to in-state tuition rates, even if the Service member or Veteran moves from the state.

The Maryland Military Coalition believes we must honor the countless sacrifices of our Veterans and Service members by ensuring that their educational benefits, one of their most valuable earned benefits, when transferred to their authorized family members afford those recipients the ongoing ability to conduct their studies at the in-state tuition rates.

**The Maryland Military Coalition strongly supports Senate Bill 318 and respectfully requests a favorable report on this important legislation.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian T. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

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**Member Organizations, Maryland Military Coalition**

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