



## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

### HOUSE BILL 133 – SUPPORT

6 February 2020

Delegate Kumar P. Barve and Members of the  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Military Coalition to offer our **support for House Bill 133**.

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 **House Bill 133** advances our goal of supporting measures to facilitate compliance with Maryland state regulations for Service Members during lengthy absences while on extended orders.

This important legislation exempts active duty Service members from mandatory vehicle emissions inspections, when deployed outside the United States.

There are plenty of financial hardships that come with deployment, especially if a Service member has a family at home that needs to watch the purse strings. Performing inspections on cars not being driven creates both a financial and a logistics burden for a deployed Service member.

The Maryland Military Coalition believes that we should take the measures necessary to ensure that Service members do not suffer financial hardship while deployed in service of our Nation.

**We strongly support House Bill 133 and respectfully request a favorable report.**

Sincerely,

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## Member Organizations, Maryland Military Coalition

  
Air Force Sergeants Association

  
American Military Society

  
Commissioned Officers Association of the  
US Public Health Service

  
Disabled American Veterans

  
Distinguished Flying Cross Association

  
Fleet Reserve Association

  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

  
Maryland Air National Guard Retirees'  
Association

  
Military Officers Association of America

  
Military Order of the Purple Heart

  
National Association for Black Veterans

  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

  
NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

  
Society of Military Widows

  
The Retired Enlisted Association

  
Veterans of Foreign Wars