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Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary  
Charles Glass, Deputy Secretary

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February 12, 2020

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Dana Stein  
Vice Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

***Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 236 – Hunting and Fishing Licenses – Active Military, Former Prisoners of War, Recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and Disabled Veterans***

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides the following information regarding Senate Bill 236. This bill would repeal the sunset on allowing the department to issue complimentary or discounted hunting and fishing licenses to certain military personnel, former prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and disabled veterans. The bill also repeals requirement that the Department of Natural Resources submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Though program participation is fairly modest, the department welcomes the opportunity to continue providing complimentary or discounted fishing and hunting licenses to certain military personnel, former prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and disabled veterans. In 2019, the department issued complimentary licenses to 48 recipients of the Purple Heart Award.

Thank you for allowing the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to provide this information regarding House Bill 236.

Respectfully submitted,  
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