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**Testimony in Favor of HB0012**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs - Homes for Veterans - Veterans of Uniformed Service**

Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Peña-Melnyk, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

I respectfully request a favorable report of House Bill 12. This bill expands eligibility to reside at Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home to include a veteran who has an honorable discharge from active service with a uniformed service of the United States (rather than from the armed forces).

This bill simply clarifies language, in the Annotated Code of Maryland, to reflect eligibility to also include the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). By changing this language we are ensuring that ALL veterans who have an honorable discharge from active service with a uniformed service of the United States are eligible to reside at Charlotte Hall.

You will find testimony from the Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion, Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service, Maryland Military Coalition, Military Officers Association of America, two NOAA advocacy groups, and the Maryland General Assembly Veterans Caucus.

Again, I request favorable support for House Bill 12. At this time, I would like to refer to my expert panel for further testimony on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rogers".

Mike Rogers  
Maryland Delegate, 32<sup>nd</sup> District