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## **SUPPORT HB12**

January 22, 2020

Chairwoman Shane E. Pendergrass and Members of the  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

The Montgomery County Chapter is one of 8 active MOAA chapters in Maryland. We operate as a nonpartisan advocate organization on behalf of the uniformed services community on issues of concern in Maryland.

**HB12** clarifies the eligibility for access to a Maryland veterans home or homes to all honorably discharged members of the "uniformed services," vice just the "armed forces," and follows the Maryland definition of "veteran" found in the General Provisions of the Maryland Code, Section 1-117.

The members of this active MOAA chapter strongly **SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 12** and ask the Committee to report a **Favorable** recommendation as the bill progresses through the legislative process.

Thank you for supporting Maryland Veterans!

Most sincerely yours,

Captain David H. Peterson, NOAA (Ret)  
President, Montgomery County Chapter

Cc:

The American Legion Department of Maryland  
Delegate Michael J. Rogers (Sponsor)