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## MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY VETERANS CAUCUS

TO:

Shane E. Pendergrass, Chairman

Health and Government Operations

FROM:

Maryland Veterans Caucus

DATE:

January 29, 2020

RE:

HB 0012 – Department of Veterans Affairs - Homes

for Veterans - Veterans of Uniformed Service

The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 0012** – Department of Veterans Affairs - Homes for Veterans – Veterans of Uniformed Service

This bill was sponsored by Delegate **Mike Rogers** for the purpose of altering the eligibility for a certain veteran to reside at a home for veterans that is supervised by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include a certain veteran of active service with a uniformed service of the United States, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economic, training and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of veterans in the State. There are approximately 471,200 veterans living in the State of Maryland.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Committee favorably recommends strong support of **HB 0012**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill.

Thank you,

Delegate C.T. Wilson

House Chair, Veterans Caucus

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.