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Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1482 - Military Department – Study on Assisting Active Duty Service Members With State Law and Regulatory Compliance

Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

I am writing to share information regarding the above referenced House Bill.

House Bill 1482 requires the Military Department to study and make recommendations regarding State laws and regulations that unnecessarily burden active duty service members and the establishment of a program to provide assistance to active duty service members seeking to comply with State laws and regulations. It also requires the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020.

We have shared with the sponsor that we are not resourced to fulfill the requirements of this bill as written, but are very willing to work with a task force to attempt to meet the intent of the bill.

The fiscal note states "General fund expenditures for the Military Department increase by \$60,000 in fiscal 2021 only to hire a consultant to research and conduct the study.....In addition, the study requires access to active duty service member data that the department does not have."

We believe the sponsor has an approach to incorporate other agencies that will meet the intent of the legislation and again we are very willing to assist with resources we can bring to the table related to the Maryland National Guard.

It is our hope that the bill will be amended to reflect the above approach.

Thank you for your support of the Maryland Military Department. We would be happy to provide any additional information if required. Please feel free to reach out to our Director of Legislative and Government Affairs by e-mail [catherine.a.kelly26.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:catherine.a.kelly26.nfg@mail.mil) or by phone 410-446-5390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Gowen', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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