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Testimony for HB1139

Judiciary Committee

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Madame Vice-Chairwoman, and esteemed members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T. Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present **House Bill 1139** entitled **Public Safety-Maryland Code of Military Justice**.

Bill Overview:

Establishing a Maryland Code of Military Justice; providing for jurisdiction and applicability of the Act; providing for authority of certain judge advocates; establishing the rights of certain victims; providing for the apprehension and restraint of certain offenders; providing for certain non-judicial punishment; establishing the jurisdiction for certain courts-martial; providing for the appointment and composition of certain courts-martial; establishing certain pre-trial procedures; etc.

Bill Outline:

- 1. Update the Maryland Code to include a Code of Military Justice.
- 2. Create the authorizing body of judge advocates.
- 3. Codify victim's rights as relates to the Maryland Code of Military Justice.
- 4. Provide consequences in accordance with the establishing code.
- 5. Authorizing jurisdiction for these cases.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this bill aims to provide more opportunities for justice for those in Maryland Military.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable report for this bill. I am open to any questions or concerns you may have about HB1139.