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ADVOCATE FOR HB257 - PROPERTY TAX CREDIT - DISABLED VETERANS

Service Connected Veteran

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DELEGATE BRIAN CROSBY & SENATOR JOHNNY RAY SALLING

RE: HB257—Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans

I am writing in support of HB257 for the state of Maryland, a measure that will provide a larger population of disabled Veterans with more economic advantage by giving them additional opportunities to contribute to and strengthen our state's economy. I believe that a significant portion of the amount credited will find its way back into the communities, counties, and state of Maryland.

As of 2017, Maryland ranks #19 in total Veteran population, with a population of 389,037. Veterans receiving disability compensation equaled to 79,865. Veterans rated between 70% to 90% totaled 20,158 (this number is lower for 80% to 90%).

Disabled veterans having a similar severity of rated disabilities that resulted during their efforts to defend our

nation, freedom, and protect vital national interests have more than earned this exemption benefit even if it leads to higher property tax bills for non-service connected disabled veterans. Sudden and unexpected challenges in health can negatively impact the financial livelihood of disabled veteran homeowners. Property tax exemption relief is currently available for veterans rated at 100% but not for disabled veterans with a similar severity of rated disabilities which can become just as debilitating.


Considering the sacrifices veterans have made for the country, I fully support measures taken to ensure that veterans with a similar severity of rated disabilities can apply for this financial property tax credit relief.

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Sincerely,



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