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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 766  
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED MILITARY  
PERSONNEL and SURVIVING SPOUSES**

Aiding active duty and veteran's property tax relief, under House Bill 766, is a moral, and at the same time, an economical benefit to the residence community where these individuals and their families reside.

The 20 percent reduction granted under HB 766 is a fair response to the needs of our aging veterans and their spouses. Their communities will benefit by the recipients having more disposable funds to use.

Another advantage is the almost immediate enactment of this measure. We believe that the effective date of June 1, 2020 will be advantageous in communicating this benefit to seniors as well as permitting them sufficient time for tax preparation.

Additionally, this bill won't be a county or municipality "option." Successful passage will mean an immediate benefit for those recipients.

The American Legion representing over 48,000 men and women in our armed forces, veterans who have served in all wars and conflicts since 1917 and their families—all Maryland residents—appreciate Delegate Kaiser sensitivity to the needs of this community segment and respectfully request the Ways and Means Committee to render a favorable report on HB 766. Thank you.

Yours, respectfully

*Patrick Guibao*

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