To: Chair and Members, Senate Budget and Tax Committee

From: Douglas J. J. Peters Senate Chair, Veterans Caucus

Date: February 23, 2021

RE: SB 656, Maryland Veterans Trust Fund – CAM for Veterans Grant Program – Established (David Perez Military Heroes Act (End 22 a Day))

Dear Chair Guzzone:

On Behalf of the Senate Veterans Caucus, I write to respectfully request your favorable report on SB 656.

This bill, sponsored by Senator Salling, establishes the CAM for Veterans Grant Program to provide grants to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, or stress, for financial assistance to obtain certain medical treatments; requires the Maryland Veterans Trust to implement and administer the program; requires the Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide grants for the Program; and requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations.

Thank You.

The Veterans Caucus was formed to promote legislation and policies designed to improve the quality of life for the over 471,000 Veterans in the State of Maryland and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals.

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