



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT

HOUSE BILL 951

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME

Madam Chair Kaiser and honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee. I'm Patrick Guibao representing the Maryland Military Coalition and we come before you today in support of House Bill 951.

Increasing the income tax reduction from the present \$15,000 to \$20,000 will be a significant benefit for our veterans and public safety first responders. This measure is particularly needed now during this Covid-19 period and all additional spending revenue for retirees we feel will be greatly appreciated.

While there are other bills active in the legislative process presently we believe HB 951 is more credible and rational presently and will benefit sales tax revenues through added spending capabilities.

The Maryland Military Coalition, serving 17 active duty and veterans service organizations who, in turn, represent nearly 150,000 members throughout Maryland pray you will offer a favorable report on House Bill 951. Further, we wish to express our gratitude to Delegate Washington for sponsoring this valuable measure.

Yours, respectfully

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