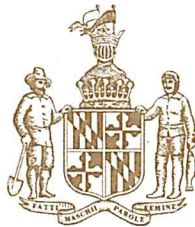


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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 85***  
***PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS -***  
***ESTABLISHED***

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***FEBRUARY 9, 2022***

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 85 is a very straightforward piece of legislation that (with the amendment in your packet) simply enables the establishment a property tax credit for disabled veterans equal to their service-connected disability rating.

The aim of this legislation is very plain – To provide an added benefit for Maryland veterans who suffer from disabilities related to their service. Presently 372,500 veterans reside in Maryland with 20% (approximately 74,500) of those veterans having some sort of service-connected disability rating.

While this legislation would likely come with a significant upfront fiscal impact, it would be a sign of good faith to show Maryland's disabled veterans their importance to the State and it could prove an invaluable added incentive for military retirees to stay in Maryland.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 85.**