

DATE: January 19, 2022

TO: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

FROM: Lisa Thompas, MVTA Board Director

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RE: SB 109 (Senator Elfreth)

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Vehicle Titling Association (MVTA) represents over 100 private title service agent licensees of the MVA. Title service agents located throughout the state provide other locations with extended hours for Maryland residents that need to perform essential vehicle title and registration activities.

Title Service Agents frequently serve members of the Military that seek our title and registration services. We experience their frustration when we inform them of their excise tax obligation upon returning to Maryland from active duty or from the difference in tax rates between Maryland and another jurisdiction. The frequent relocation of military members can create a financial burden, and SB 109 helps to ease relocation stress when Maryland is their new residence. Virginia provides an excise tax exemption to their members of the military.

SB 109 honors our proud members of the Military with an important excise tax credit the rightfully deserve for serving our country and choosing to make Maryland home.

MVTA respectfully asks the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee to give SB 109 a favorable report.