



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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Oral Testimony In Support of SB 155 Lynn Nash, Communications Director

Dear Senator Guzzone and distinguished members of the Budget and Taxation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in FAVOR of SEN Elfreth's bill, "Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption - Active Duty," SB 109.

My name is CAPTAIN Lynn Nash. I am a 30-year veteran who served in both the Army and the U.S. Public Health Service, and as a result, I have moved more times than I care to remember. I am here today as the Communications Director, for the Maryland Military Coalition and the U.S. Public Health Service Director, representing 1,200 active duty and retired USPHS officers living in Maryland. I am a resident of District 17.

The Maryland Military Coalition supports HB 109. In relation to its relatively small population in our country, Maryland has one of the highest, if not the highest number of military and uniformed services' bases, posts and facilities in the nation, which contribute a significant portion of Maryland's economy. Our Active-Duty men and women and their families are an essential element of this dynamic. HB 109 would authorize an exemption of the vehicle excise tax to our Active-Duty population, an indication that our state supports them and 'has their backs.'

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan organization representing 18 military-connected organizations with approximately 150, 000 members including currently serving, National Guard and Reserves, veterans, retirees, their families, caretakers and survivors.

The Maryland Military Coalition recommends a FAVORABLE report on HB 109, Vehicle Excise Tax -- Exemption -- Active Duty and we thank SEN Elfreth for her continued leadership in sponsoring this measure and supporting service members and their families.

Thank you.


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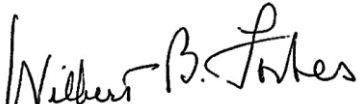

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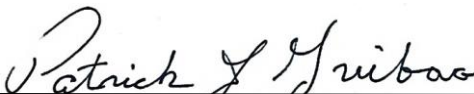

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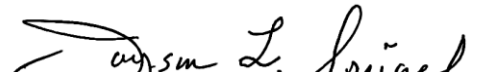

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