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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair Members of the Committee Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Please be advised that the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports with amendments SB 365 State Government – Maryland Veterans Commission – Membership. We would like to see language included that guarantees that the member representing the Reserve Organization of America qualify as a veteran under the 38 USC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George W. Owings III Secretary

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