



# MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

*Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy*

## Oral Testimony In Support of HB 497 Lynn Nash, Communications Director

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and distinguished members of the House Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in FAVOR of Delegate Buckel's bill, "Vehicle Excise Tax - Exemption - Active Duty," HB 497.

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 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 497. 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, >15% of Maryland's economy. Our Active Duty men and women and their families are an essential element of this dynamic. HB 497 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 19 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 497, Vehicle Excise Tax -- Exemption -- Active Duty and we thank Delegate Buckel for his continued leadership in sponsoring this measure and supporting service members and their families.

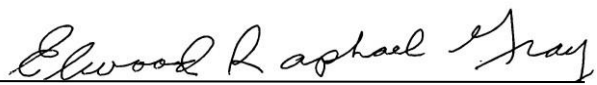
Thank you.

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Communications Director

## Member Organizations, Maryland Military Coalition

  
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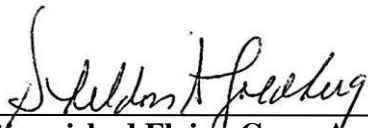
  
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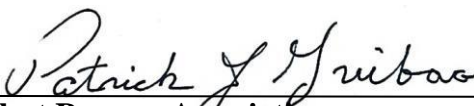
  
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Commissioned Officers Association of the  
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Disabled American Veterans

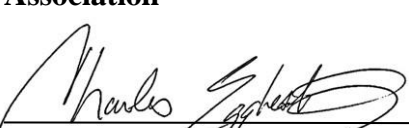
  
Distinguished Flying Cross Association

  
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Jewish War Veterans of the USA

  
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National Association for Black Veterans

  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

  
NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

  
Society of Military Widows

  
Veterans of Foreign Wars