

## MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

January 11, 2022

Honorable Vanesssa Atterbeary Chairwoman, The Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee 131 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis MD 21401-1912

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Honorable Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

House Bill 124 before your committee on January 13, 2022, is a valuable measure to aid and enhance the economic wellbeing of our veteran community in Maryland.

This measure would provide all who have served our state and our nation and who, in some unfortunate cases returned with debilitating injuries, with additional funds for essential everyday needs as well as means to plan for the future.

In the analysis provided for HB 537 the predecessor to the legislative proposal before you now, drafted in 2019, the Fiscal and Policy Note stated no similar tax subtraction modification is in existence. Your approval of this bill would be meaningful to those who sacrificed a part of their life in service to their country.

The Maryland Military Coalition, a voluntary, non-partisan organization representing 17 veteran service organizations who, in turn, serve over 150,000 former military men and women throughout our State urgently ask for a favorable report on House Bill 124 and applaud Delegate Brooks for his commitment to the veteran community to enjoy a better life.

Yours, respectfully

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Vice President and Legislative Director

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