

# International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

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Good afternoon everyone,

My name is Bryan Stymacks. I am here today to speak in support of House Bill 0629, as well as Senate Bill 0886. First, I would like to thank the sponsors of these bills; Delegates Brian Crosby, Mike Rogers, and CT Wilson. As well as State Senator Ron Watson.

I am proud to be here today, for several reasons. As a Marine who served two combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, I am extremely proud of my service to this great nation. As a Maryland resident, I am proud that we are honoring the sacrifices and commitments of our service members and their families. And finally, I am proud to stand before you today as representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Today I rise to speak on these bills on behalf of all veterans, and with the support of my sisters and brothers in attendance, as well as the thousands of our members and their families in the state of Maryland.

This bill holds a special significance for us. It is the first bill that the IAM Veterans Services Department has championed, and we are proud to see it here today.

As veterans, we all raised our right hand and swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. When called upon, some of us risked our lives to fight for our country abroad.

Now as a union, we stand together again to fight for workers all across the country. But here today, in the state of Maryland and just footsteps from the storied United States Naval Academy, we stand together to fight for the benefit of our fellow veterans. Our veterans who deserve the passage of these two bills.

I want to thank all of you for your service to the public, for your dedication to our great state, and for your support of these bills that honor our commitment to support and care for our Veterans here in Maryland. Thank you!