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Chairman Barnes, Vice Chairman Chang and distinguished members of the House Appropriations Committee

The American Legion Department of Maryland has been a long proponent of higher education for our active service, veterans and their families. House Bill 629 is special, in our opinion. It allows the spouse and family members who have sacrificed their lives, are prisoners of war of Missing action to receive college credit and, hopefully, a better life.

It is our considered belief this measure will allow these family members to grow financially and, at the same time, honor those who died, suffered a debilitating injury from their time in combat or were captured and their status is unknown.

While the American Legion cares for everyone who "gave their all." We are especially concerned for those who remain missing and unable to enjoy life with their loved ones. At every official meeting of The American Legion worldwide our opening ceremony includes a homage to those who cannot join us at this moment.

We respectfully request a favorable vote on House Bill 629 the Appropriations Committee and commend Delegate Crosby for sponsoring this vital bill and commend Co-Sponsors Rogers and Wilson for their continuous support for the military and veteran community.

Most respectfully,

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