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To: Budget and Taxation Committee

From: The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals, Inc.

Re: SB 416 Sponsor: Senators Salling, Jackson, Klausmeier, Mautz, West, Corderman, Gallion, Ready,

Jennings, Carozza, Hershey, and Bailey

Contact Person: Giavante Hawkins, Executive Director

Position: SUPPORT

Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income

The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals, Inc. (MSATP), representing the voices of over 2,000 tax and accounting professional members, supports this bill. As tax and accounting professionals serving over 700,000 Maryland residents, we are pleased to be able to provide tax and accounting services to our retired veterans.

When one chooses a military career, it is done at great personal sacrifice for their families and loved ones. Due to the combined exposure to dangerous situations and the strain on the family of constantly moving, the exclusion of 50% and then 100% of military pension from Maryland taxable income is a just reward for these heroes returning and remaining in Maryland.

MSATP supports SB 416 and asks for a favorable report from this committee.