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Health and Government Operations Committee

Testimony on: HB 220 “Public Safety - Militia - Active Duty Combat (Maryland Defend Our Guard Act)”

Position: Support

Hearing Date: February 15, 2023

We must prohibit the Governor from ordering the militia or a member of the militia into active duty combat unless the U.S. Congress has passed an official declaration of war or taken a certain official action.

I authored a book, “Military Recruiting in the United States.” St. Mary’s City, MD, 2016.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6005a180c8cd610112a8a795/t/629d2a9e2b8f0b4b820a7e84/1654467239538/Military+Recruiting+in+the+United+States+122016+%28008%29.pdf>

In it I describe the reprehensible practices of military recruiters in Maryland’s public schools. Recruiters rarely address the possibility that militia members may be sent to active duty combat overseas. HB 220 is a commonsense measure that ought to be viewed favorably.

Thank you.

