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Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Chair Brian Feldman
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 573 – General Provisions – State Flag – Casket of Eligible Decedent

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the EEE Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 573 this afternoon. This bill requires the Secretary of State's Office to provide a State Flag to drape the casket of an eligible decedent, establish a process for the State Flag to be claimed after the burial, and prohibits the Secretary of State's Office from procuring a flag that is not wholly produced in the United States.

Eligible decedents include current or former Members of the General Assembly, certain Constitutional Officers, State First Responders including State Troopers, Natural Resource Officers, Firefighters, and several other positions with the State. These individuals serve our State with great pride and dignity. This bill would afford them a specific honor to show our gratitude for their service.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Corderman".

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