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SB448 – Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland

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Carrington & Associates, LLC extends its enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 448, introduced by Senator Muse, which aims to establish the Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland. The proposed commission holds great significance in preserving and understanding the history of African American Civil War soldiers who fought for the Union Army in Maryland. The comprehensive study outlined in the bill, including the examination of muster rolls, service locations, honors, and recognitions, is a commendable initiative to honor the contributions of these individuals.

The establishment of the Commission and its responsibilities align with our commitment to recognizing and preserving historical and cultural significance. Carrington & Associates recognizes the importance of acknowledging the sacrifices and accomplishments of African American Civil War soldiers and believes that this commission will play a crucial role in ensuring their stories are accurately documented and celebrated.

The provision for the Maryland State Archives (MSA) to staff the commission is a thoughtful step, leveraging the expertise and resources of a reputable institution for this historical endeavor. While we understand there will be a general fund expenditure increase of \$63,800 in FY 2025 for contractual support and the mandatory report, we believe this investment is justified in light of the invaluable historical and cultural contributions that will result from the commission's work.

We appreciate the comprehensive approach of the bill, covering the funding, design, construction, and location of an appropriate memorial dedicated to African American Civil War soldiers in Maryland. This forward-thinking approach ensures a holistic consideration of the project, reflecting the gravity and importance of commemorating this aspect of Maryland's history.

Carrington & Associates firmly believes that Senate Bill 448 will contribute significantly to the historical understanding and cultural enrichment of the State of Maryland. We commend Senator Muse for his leadership in bringing forth this impactful legislation, and we express our wholehearted support for its passage.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully ask for your favorable report for SB448.

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