



ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road & Responsible Motorcycle Legislation

To: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chairman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Ken Eaton, Director, Executive Director, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

Date: February 9, 2024

Re: **HB 178** - Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance

Position: **FAVORABLE: SUPPORT**

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. represents the approximately 121,000 on road motorcycles that are registered in Maryland. We are a state motorcycle rights organization that brings together the voices of independent riders, clubs, riding organization, etc. We have chapters throughout the state and our members include a diverse cross-section of motorcycle riders in Maryland. A large portion of our membership includes military veterans and their families. We **SUPPORT HB 178**.

Our veterans have taken an oath that says they will support and defend this country. The very least we can do is recognize their service and this bill is a part of that.

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. **SUPPORT HB 178** - Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance. We urge the committee to consider an **Favorable** vote, passing this legislation and moving it to the floor for a vote.

Thank you!

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ABATE of Maryland, Inc.