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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 716 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemption - Unemployable Disabled Veterans

Dear Chairman Korman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (“MDVA”) supports House Bill 716 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Fee Exemption - Unemployable Disabled Veterans.

The MDVA believes it is important to recognize and honor the service of all veterans - including those who may have become unemployable disabled while serving in uniform. We acknowledge that veterans might have been awarded a disability compensation rating of less than 100%, but continue to feel a significant impact from their service-connected disabilities that prevent them from being able to maintain employment. Exempting these veterans from vehicle registration fees is a small token that shows them that their sacrifices are not forgotten by their community.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable report on HB 716 to exempt Maryland’s unemployable disabled veterans from vehicle registration fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony C. Woods
Secretary