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

RE: HB 178 - Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance

Dear Chairman Korman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (“MDVA”) supports House Bill 178 - Vehicle Laws - Disabled Veteran Registration Plates - Issuance.

The MDVA believes it is important to recognize and honor the service of all veterans - including those who may have become 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.

Providing an opportunity for more veterans to be eligible for, and display, disabled veteran plates increases awareness of the unique experience and outcomes of service. When a veteran displays these plates, it improves understanding of their experience and serves as a reminder to the larger community of their sacrifice.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable report on HB 178 to honor and acknowledge Maryland’s disabled veterans.

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